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# Ancestors and Descendants

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## Elisha Mason

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LITCHFIELD, CONNECTICUT

1759-1858

AND HIS WIFE

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## Lucretia Webster

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1766-1853



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**T**o the living Kindred so widely scattered;  
to those gone before whom the living  
have known and loved; and to the earlier  
pioneers of our race is dedicated this first  
General Enrollment and Record of our family  
—the Ancestors and Descendants of Elisha  
Mason and Lucretia (Webster) Mason.



## Introduction

So far as known this is the first attempt to gather for publication the ancestral facts concerning the Mason family of Litchfield, Conn. It has been pioneer work, and no doubt will show more or less of incompleteness. Yet, much labor has been given to its pages. To collect its facts, the recollections of the living, the traditions of the past, and records, town, church, probate, land and court, have been levied upon with the results herein recorded. In whatever respects this work may be thought unsuccessful, it surely shows some old errors driven out and some new facts brought to light. This alone is sufficient to justify its existence.

On the part of the compilers it has been a labor of love with no thought of profit. Their purpose has been to make a permanent record of facts, many of which were in danger of being forever forgotten and lost; also to stimulate among the widely scattered members of the family a feeling of kinship and clanship, and perhaps to lay a foundation on which a more full and complete Family History could be built in the days to come. Time will reveal how fully they have accomplished their purpose.

It is remarkable how little has been published, or even known, concerning the posterity of Gov. John Webster, and of John Mason of Hartford. This neglect is somewhat remedied in these pages. Yet much remains to be discovered and published. As to John Mason, of Hartford, we know that he was born about 1652, that he married in Dedham, Mass.,

in 1676, and that he appears in Hartford not long after this last date. His birthplace and ancestors are not known. The mystery of his ancestors is the great family problem. To solve it would be a triumph. To this John Mason of Hartford the line runs back without a break, but no further.

In this compilation no sketches of the living have been attempted. The reasons will readily be seen by all the thoughtful. On the other hand, it is a matter of sincere regret that so many worthy dead are left, for want of the requisite information, without even a few lines concerning their lives and deeds.

Thanks are due and are hereby tendered to all who have so heartily co-operated to make this undertaking a success. To Mr. James Allen Kibbe of Warehouse Point, Connecticut, is due an appreciative remembrance for his patient research and for his experienced genealogical touch, which has been applied to various stages of the work. The compilers for themselves ask only for friendly criticism and due appreciation of their labors. By them this little book is sent forth,—hoping that the achievements and virtues of their ancestors herein recorded may incite the living to nobler deeds and a better life.

GEORGE W. MASON.

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MASON ANCESTRY

ANTECEDENT

To the American Revolution

OF

THREE GENERATIONS OF

THE NAME

WITH THE FAMILIES THEREOF

1676-1785



# Genealogy

## 1

### JOHN MASON, of Hartford, Conn.

Born about 1652; m. 5th, 11 mo, 1676, Hannah Haws (or Hawes) of Dedham, Mass.; d. Feb. 19, 1698, in Hartford, Conn.; aged 46 years.

#### Children (2).

1. Mary (2), b. September 1677; m. June 16, 1698, Nathaniel Andrews of Hartford.
2. Hannah (2), b. January 1680-1681.
3. John (2), b. January, 1684-1685.
4. Joseph (2), b. March 1688.
5. Abigail (2), b. October, 1690.
6. Jonathan (2), b. November, 1693; m. Susannah Dix; had three children; bap. First Church, Hartford.
7. Deborah (2), bap. December 3, 1693.
8. Lydia (2), b. July 1696; m. June 25, 1718, John Seymore of Hartford.

John Mason of Hartford has been thought by some persons to have been the son of Major John Mason the conquerer of the Pequots. This must be incorrect, for Major John Mason had Ann b. 1650, Daniel b. 1652, Elizabeth b. 1654; while according to his own affidavit John Mason of Hartford was born about 1652. Besides Major John Mason had a son John who lived in Norwich, Conn. and who died in 1676, and whose record is well known. Therefore John Mason of Hartford (b. 1652, d. 1698) was not the son of Major John Mason.

It has also been stated and published that Hannah the wife of John Mason of Hartford was the daughter of Daniel Arnold of Hartford, son of John Arnold. This also must be all wrong, for John Arnold in his will, dated Hartford 22, Aug. 1664, says, "My will is that if my son Daniel shall live and be married and have a child or children," etc. So, in 1664 Daniel Arnold was not married. But Hannah, wife of John Mason of Hartford had a child born in 1677, thirteen years after the date of this will—at which time Daniel Arnold's eldest child could hardly have been over ten years of age. Besides, by her own affidavit, Hannah, wife of John Mason of Hartford, was born in 1655 (37 years old in 1692) which fixes her birth at about nine years earlier than the date of the above will in which the statement is made that Daniel Arnold was not then married. Therefore Hannah, wife of John Mason, was not the daughter of Daniel Arnold of Hartford.

It has lately been found that John Mason married in Dedham, Mass., 5th of the 11th, 1676, Hannah Haws (or Hawes), born in Dedham 1 of the 12th mo. 1654, daughter of Edward and Eliony Haws of Dedham, Mass.

The first record found in Hartford concerning John Mason is in the vote of Hartford Town Meeting "Febr. 11, 1683" granting "to John Mason Ten acres of Land on The commons & in powers The comity to Lay it out to him, That comity that is This day choas to Lay out The highway." In 1686 he was elected by the town, Chimney Viewer for the South Side. This indicates that he was then living south of the Little (or Park) river. There is no



doubt, the above ten acres had been laid out to him. In March, 1687, John Mason was received into "full communion" in the First Church, Hartford. At the same time his son Joseph was baptized. This makes it probable that he had been a church member in some other town and there had his three oldest children baptized, otherwise they would certainly have been baptized with Joseph. It is remarkable that his wife Hannah was not baptized until 1 March, 1695-6. She "owned the covenant" on the same day. There is found no evidence that she was ever "in full communion."

At the session of Hartford Probate Court held 25 March, 1692 in an affidavit concerning the will of Daniel Arnold, John Mason gives his age as about 40 years, and his wife Hannah gives her age as about 37 years. This places his birth at about 1652 and hers about 1655. John Mason had at least eight children. Of these Deborah doubtless died early. John was living as late as 1708, when with his mother Hannah Mason he deeded land to Nathaniel Arnold. All that is known of Hannah and Abigail is that they were living in 1698 when their father's estate was probated. Of the other four children a fair record is found.

In Hartford Probate Records, Book 1, page 33, is given the Inventory of John Mason's estate, dated April 13, 1698. On the back of this Inventory is given the names of his children and their ages as follows:— Mary was 20 years old in September, 1697; Hannah was 17 years old in January, 1697-8; John was 13 years old in January, 1697-8; Joseph was 10 years old in March, 1698; Abigail was 7

years old in October, 1697; Jonathan was 4 years old in November, 1697; Lydia was 1 year old in July, 1697. Deborah is not in the list and was doubtless not then living. The mother of this youthful family did not marry again. She was living as late as April 22, 1727, when she was still Hannah Mason. She was then 72 years old.

The above mentioned Inventory shows that John Mason when he died owned the following real estate: House and home lot £120; 14 acres over the river by Arthur Smith's £30;—18 acres at 4 mile Hill £9. The following abstracts are taken from the Hartford Land Records:—Book 2, page 17, dated January 15, 1708-9, Nathaniel Arnold, oldest living son of Daniel Arnold, deceased, to the heirs of John Mason, deceased, all of Hartford, Quit Claim of all rights in 3½ acres of land in Hartford which was deeded by "my" father, Daniel Arnold, deceased, to John Mason of Hartford, deceased, said deed bearing date April 29, 1691.

Ditto, Book 1, page 502, January 15, 1708-9, Hannah Mason, widow, and John Mason, said Hannah being widow of John Mason, late of Hartford deceased, being empowered by the General Court,—to Nathaniel Arnold of Hartford, 17½ acres of land in Hartford.

Note:—These two deeds were to settle for the land which John Mason bought of Daniel Arnold in his life-time, but had not been fully paid for before he died. The widow kept 3½ acres and deeded the rest back to the Arnolds. The sum not paid was £50 and is mentioned in Daniel Arnold's will.

Ditto, Book 3, page 221, dated February 20, 1718-

9. Joseph Mason to Jonathan Mason, both of Hartford, for £46. Quit Claim of all rights in estate of John Mason of Hartford, deceased, father of said Joseph and Jonathan, and especially all rights in 14 acres in Hartford, which was part of the estate of said John Mason, deceased, said land bounded east on Little River.

Ditto, Book 4, page 345, April 22, 1727, Jonathan Mason to John Austin, both of Hartford, 4½ acres in Hartford with house, barn, and half a cider mill thereon; reserving to my mother, Hannah Mason the use and improvement of one-third of the land and house during her natural life.

Note:—Therefore, Hannah, widow of John Mason was living as late as 1727.

**Edward Hawes**, born in England. Married Eliony Lombard, Dedham, Mass., April 15, 1648; d. June 28, 1698. Emigrant 1635.

#### Children.

1. Lydia, b. Jan. 26, 1649.
2. Mary, b. Nov. 4, 1650.
3. Daniel.
4. **Hannah**, b. Feb. 1, 1655; m. John Mason, Jan. 5, 1676.
5. John, b. Dec. 17, 1656; d. Feb. 21, 1732.
6. Nathaniel, b. Aug. 14, 1660; d. Oct 4, 1714.
7. Abigail, b. Oct. 2, 1662.
8. Joseph, b. Aug. 9, 1664.
9. Deborah, b. Sept. 1, 1666; m. 1 Pond, 2 Bacon.

Of the parents of this frontier family much is written between the lines, in the history of Dedham. Of the father it appears that he was of the Colony, authorized in

1636, to proceed to "Mellomonopoad," (Dedham at the Falls of Charles River, about 25 m. S. W. of Cambridge), with Robert Mason and others, and occupy an outpost thereabouts. It was the old story; but these men held on, and in 1648 Hawes married, built a cabin and commenced a career of prosperity; for "Edward Hawes was a successful farmer, a strict Puritan and religiously Orthodox!" He seems to have been of the first order of the stalwart and useful men of his time about Dedham and Medfield during a long life, which singularly ended the same year as that of his son-in-law, John Mason at Hartford in 1698.

From Edward Hawes' will, June 4th, 1697.

"Item. What have already been given to my loving daughters, Lydia Gay, Hannah Mason, Abigail Vales and Deborah Pond is to be their full part of my estate." These were the progenitors of a numerous and influential family of the name, now represented in many states.

The family Coat of Arms in England was described—"He beareth azure—a fess-wave between three lions passant, or armed and langued. This is the Coat Armour of John Hawes, or Hawiss of London who draweth his descent from William Hawiss of Walsham of the Willows in Suffolk, which William was seized of Lands there in the time of Edward the Third"—.

## 2

**JOSEPH MASON of Hartford and Litchfield, Conn.**  
John 1.

Born March, 1688, in Hartford, Conn.; m. Jan. 8,

1713, Mary———, who died in Litchfield, Feb. 10th, 1787, in her 95th year. He d. early in 1773 in Litchfield, Conn.

#### Children (3).

1. Mary (3), b. Aug. 30, 1715; bap. First Church, Hartford, Oct. 9, 1715.
2. John (3), b. Aug. 6, 1717; bap. First Church, Hartford, Aug. 18, 1717; d. Jan. 26, 1753.
3. Hannah (3), b. Jan. 6, 1719-1720.
4. Abigail (3), b. March 19, 1723.
5. Joseph (3), b. Nov. 17, 1725; d. March 20, 1772.
6. Lydia (3), b. April 19, 1728.
7. Ruth (3), b. Jan. 22, 1730.
8. Jonathan (3), b. March 27, 1733.
9. Joshua (3), b. July 19, 1736.

Joseph Mason sold his home in Hartford to his brother Jonathan, February 20, 1719. See Hartford Land Record, Book 3, page 221. He removed to Litchfield, Connecticut with the pioneer colony of 1720 and was one of the 57 original proprietors of that town. His original home lot, No. 54, is now known as "Camp Dutton." This, with 20 acres adjoining, which were bought of Marcy Allen, mother of Col. Ethan Allen, was his homestead for life. Although he bought land near by and miles away, he never left the first home. Here he evidently lived a life of industry, peace, and usefulness. On one occasion at least, he was a "Defender of the Faith,"—for he successfully defended his pastor in his time of trouble. Little is known of his long life. Had the town records been more complete and the church records not been burned, we should surely have known much more about these patriarchs.

## 3

**JOSEPH MASON (4), Jr. of Litchfield, Conn.**—Joseph 2, John 1.

Born Nov. 17, 1725, in Litchfield, Conn; m. Nov. 16, 1749, Patience Rossiter, who d. Nov. 17, 1750; m. June 4, 1754, Rebecca Skinner of Hartford; d. March 20, 1772, in Litchfield, Conn., at the age of 46 years.

**Children (7), born in Litchfield, Conn.**

1. Patience (4),
2. Prudence (4), } b. Nov. 13, 1750.
3. Joseph (4), b. April 23, 1755; d. March 21, 1844.
4. Ashbel (4), b. April 27, 1757.
5. Elisha (4), b. April 24, 1759; d. June 1, 1858.
6. Stephen (4), b. Aug. 10, 1761.
7. George (4), b. Feb. 16, 1763.

Joseph Mason died about one year before his father. His estate was probated in March, 1772; while the will of Joseph Mason, Senior, is dated March 26, 1773, in which he mentions the heirs of his son Joseph. This Joseph Mason, the younger, lived a short life, yet his name frequently appears in land transactions and in the records of estates. He was administrator on the estate of his neighbor, Benjamin Webster the pioneer, whose descendant, Lucretia Webster was to be the wife of Elisha Mason, son of this Joseph Mason the administrator.

Thus, it appears that he was a man of ability and of good character. His family were all reared on Chestnut Hill in the town of Litchfield. It is not known whether or not he built the house now known as the "Mason Homestead" in Litchfield. Perhaps it was built by his son Elisha, years after his father's death. It is, however, known that a house stood on the place, when Joseph Mason, Sr., deeded the

property to Joseph, Jr., and that his son Elisha was born in a house nearly opposite. This last fact suggests that the present house may then (1759) have been in process of building. Whenever it was built, or by whom, its timbers if cared for, can be relied upon to last for centuries to come.

The following abstract is taken from Hartford Land Records, Book 9, page 58, dated October 1, 1755: Joseph Mason, Jr., and Rebecca, his wife, both of Litchfield, Conn. for £100 "old tenor," to Samuel Bernard of Hartford, land in Hartford, being one-third of a 20 acre lot on the east-side of Rocky Hill. No doubt, the proceeds of this land were brought into the family by Rebecca Skinner Mason, the wife and mother. Little as we know of the pioneer fathers, how much less we know of the mothers!

### **John Skinner of Hartford.**

Was one of Hooker's party and original proprietor there. By the mention of a certain will, it is probable that John Skinner, Sr., came from Bramtree County, Essex, Eng. The brothers fled to Vermont, Conn., and Maryland after the Revolution; one being High Sheriff.

John m. Mary, daughter of Joseph Loomis, Sr., and died in 1659. Skinner's father-in-law was ordered by Magistrates to distribute the estate among his children as follows:

Mary b. 1638; Ann, b. 1639; John b. 1641; Joseph, b. 1643; Richard b. 1646; Joseph m. April 5, 1666, Mary, dau. of Wm. Filley of Windsor.

"Vote by W. Church on the baptism of Joseph

Skinner. Feb. 16, 1678.—Joseph Skinner never having been baptized desires that he might be, and ye Church granted it; so on condition that he would be tried (examined) concerning his knowledge and blameless life, and own ye Church Covenant, and come under discipline to be owned as a Ch., member, and so any other might come in like manner, man or woman kind." On March 2nd, there was none lay any blame on him, and so he owned ye Ch. Covt., and was baptized. His wife died April 13, 1771.

Children. Mary, bap. Sept. 22, 1667, John d. 1704. Elizabeth, b. June 23, 1669. Isaac, b. Aug. 1671. Joseph, b. about 1673. Thomas, bap. Dec. 23, 1667.

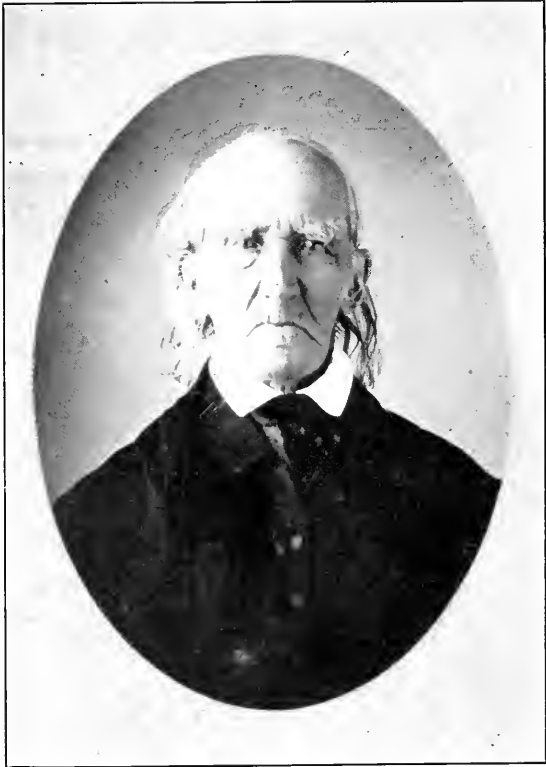
Joseph, m. Dorothy Hosmer, Jan 1st, 1696, who died March, 1702. He married for his second wife Elizabeth Olmsted, Jan 28, 1708, of Hartford.

#### Children.

1. Joseph b. Oct. 31, 1697.
2. Stephen, b. Aug. 13, 1699.
3. Jonathan, b. May. 13, 1711.
4. Elizabeth, b. Aug. 30, 1713! m. Knight Sexton.
5. Stephen, b. Mar. 11, 1715; d. July 11, 1758.
6. Dorothy, b. Mar. 30, 1718; m. George Olcott.
7. Hannah, b. Feb. 7, 1719; m. Samuel Barnard.
8. Rebecca, b. June 17, 1722; m. Joseph Mason, Jr.







ELISHA MASON

**ELISHA MASON**  
and  
**LUCRETIA WEBSTER.**

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ELISHA MASON, Joseph 3, Joseph 2, John 1.

Born April 24, 1759, in Litchfield, Conn.; m. Jan. 8, 1785, Lucretia Webster of Litchfield, Conn.; who d. Feb. 11, 1853; d. June 1, 1858, in Litchfield, Conn.

Children all born in Litchfield.

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| 1. Cynthia (5), b. July 24, 1786.                   | 5.  |
| 2. Stephen (5), b. April 11, 1787; d. May 17, 1787. |     |
| 3. Stephen (5), b. May 31, 1788.                    | 6.  |
| 4. Lucretia (5), b. Nov. 1, 1790.                   | 7.  |
| 5. Caroline (5), b. Dec. 22, 1792.                  | 8.  |
| 6. Elisha (5), b. June 5, 1795; d. June 10, 1817.   | 9.  |
| 7. Elijah (5), b. June 7, 1797; d. April 14, 1799.  |     |
| 8. Elijah (5), b. May 24, 1799.                     | 10. |
| 9. Joseph William (5), b. May 6, 1801.              | 11. |
| 10. Edwin (5), b. Aug. 17, 1803.                    | 12. |
| 11. Benj. Webster (5), b. May 25, 1806.             | 13. |
| 12. Joshua (5), b. Feb. 18, 1809; d. Jan. 18, 1832. | 14. |

Elisha Mason (4) has his worthy record well told in the following extracts:—

From New England Historical and Genealogical  
Register, 1859, Vol. XIII, S. G. Drake,  
Boston, Mass., Publisher.

“Mr. Elisha Mason, Litchfield, Conn., June 1st. in the 100th. year of his age. He was born in Litchfield, April 24, 1759, and at the time of his decease was the last of the Revolutionary Pensioners in his native town. Not long since he stated to

the writer of this paragraph, that on being discharged from the public service, at or near the Highlands on the Hudson, he was paid off in Continental money and started for home on foot.

Reaching Danbury at evening, he remained there over night and in the morning tendered his money in payment for his bill, which was refused. He finally offered the landlord \$40 for his keeping which was rejected, and as a last resort he pawned his rifle in payment of the debt. In this way were the thousands of the soldiers of the Revolution rewarded for their services.

Mr. Mason married Lucretia Webster, a descendant of Gov. John Webster, January 8, 1785, with whom he lived sixty-eight years. She died in 1853. They were the parents of twelve children, six of whom survive them. One of them, Rev. Stephen Mason, graduated at Williams College and was for several years pastor of the Congregational Church in Washington, Conn., and is now a resident of Marshall, Mich.

The late E. P. Mason was one of the most remarkable astronomers and mathematicians of the age, whose memoirs were published by Prof. Olmsted of Yale College. He was the son of Rev. Stephen Mason and grandson of the subject of this sketch.

Mr. Mason, the centenarian, was a highly esteemed citizen—a member of the First Cong. Church in Litchfield and held responsible offices in the town. He was a son of Joseph, Jr., and grandson of Joseph Mason, an original proprietor of Litchfield in 1720. Mrs. Mary Mason (grandmother) died in 1787 in her 95th year."

The grandsons who enjoyed daily companionship with the old Revolutionary for many years, often heard him relate many incidents of army life. Among these was the story of his trip to Danbury from Litchfield, in the night, when the "alarum" was sounded to rally all loyal Americans, to rush to repel the expedition of Gov. Tryon to destroy the depot of military supplies at Danbury, Conn. He was home on furlough, but went with the rest, to find the churches and storehouses consumed, and the gutters running with melted pork and abandoned grog, while the invaders were running also, hotly pursued by the heroic Wooster, and his yoemen from the nearby towns. Again, as his brother Joseph, (also a soldier), was with him in the early morning at West Point, they saw a solitary horseman (riding in from the Eastern hills and alighting at the ferry), take a boat to cross the river near where they stood. It was Washington, and bidding the boatman "to remain, as he would be back in a few minutes" he strode up the hill and immediately returned across the river to join Lafayette and his staff, who, en route from Hartford, via Litchfield the day before, had followed their chief, and all now proceeded to Arnold's headquarters near the river below. But the wretch had fled. He had sent the garrison to the mountains for timber to repair the works which were in confusion, practically dismantled, and ready for delivery to the enemy. The excitement was intense, but the recovery speedy. No incidents of the Civil War whether witnessed in the field or read in history, ever seemed more real than this portrayal of the events of that day, by this old veteran, to the boys around him.

This man passed over the days of the years of a century, lacking about 9 months,—three generations of average human life,—in a critical period of our national existence. He was a law-abiding citizen, a man for whom the Sabbath-day had its opportunities, and its obligations, which might not be compromised. He loved the church and its ordinances and he maintained an altar in his own home.

Of his eight sons and daughters, who were heads of families, four went forth into the wilderness, to become factors in the development of homes, settlements, schools and churches, and in a degree to contribute to the growth and glory of the Great Northwest.

But wherever the descendants of Elisha Mason may have wandered, the memory of a good man follows, who having served well his day and generation, in the ripeness and fullness of years, long since passed away.

### **Death of Elisha Mason**

The Last Revolutionary Soldier in Litchfield County.

Copied from the Litchfield Enquirer of June 3rd, 1858.

“Just as we are putting our paper to press, we learn that our esteemed fellow citizen, Mr. Elisha Mason, died at the residence of his son-in-law, Jonathan Carrington, in this village on Tuesday evening at seven o’clock. Mr. Mason was the last surviving Revolutionary Soldier in this town, and, so far as we can learn, in the county of Litchfield. He was born in this town on the 24th of April, 1759, and was consequently in his 100th year.

His history is an exceedingly interesting one, but we must defer until next week a proper notice of his services and character. He was a sincere Christian, and when he had forgotten all other friends, was cheered at the mention of the name of his Saviour.

“Mr. Mason’s funeral will be held at the Congregational Church on Friday at 10:00 o’clock, and will doubtless bring together a large concourse from this and neighboring towns.

“Rev. D. L. Parmelee will deliver an address on the occasion.

“The members of the Masonic fraternity are requested to meet in their hall at 9:00 o’clock on Friday morning, to make arrangements to attend the funeral.”

Copied from the Litchfield Enquirer of June 10th, 1858.

“The funeral of the venerable Elisha Mason whose death we noticed last week, took place at the Congregational Church on Friday. The services were very interesting and impressive. An admirably arranged sermon was preached by Rev. D. L. Parmelee, and the other exercises were conducted by Rev. L. W. Bacon, the Pastor of the church. We had hoped for a sketch of the life and services of the deceased for publication in this week’s Enquirer, from one who had long known him, but have received none.

“Mr. Mason was born on Chestnut Hill, two miles from this village, on the 24th of April, 1759, and until within a few years past, has lived on the homestead of his father, now the inheritance and home

of his descendants of three generations. He arrived at years of manhood during the struggle for independence, and was employed during the war in the construction of forts, bridges, etc. for the army. He has directly or indirectly voted at every Presidential election since the organization of the government, and has lived to see the nation extended from its original dimensions on the Atlantic coast, to its present expansion from ocean to ocean.

“In private life, Mr. Mason was a model for all who knew him, and we believe it may be said with truth that he never had an enemy. He made profession of religion when a young man, and ever maintained an exemplary Christian life.”

Lucretia Webster, Wife of Elisha Mason and grand-daughter of Benjamin Webster, one of the fifty-seven original settlers of Litchfield, himself grandson of John Webster the fifth Governor of Connecticut Colony, was a type of the women of New England who could do, or cause to be done, whatever needed to be done, regardless of “lions in the way.” Only those who became pioneers, or the children of such, can comprehend the meaning of the word. Nothing could better develop the masterful traits of character than did life in the home of the early years in New England, when food, clothing and all else must be home-raised and home-made, with no suspicion of a day when the forces of nature would spin, weave, sew and do housework, never resting, save when knitting hose and mittens as the hours flew by.

The wool upon the backs of sheep and the flax growing in the field were to furnish the material





LUCRETIA WEBSTER MASON



for winter clothing, all to be beaten, carded, spun, woven and made, at the home. The wonder is that they did it—these mothers of ours—with attending cares and inconveniences.

No bakery but the open chimney or Dutch oven! No creamery save the home-made devices for the hardest work! And yet it was done! No doubt that ours of today is indeed, the more excellent way.

None would return to the olden time, and method of doing things. But we should all the more sincerely honor and cherish the memory of those, who for us, endured, wrought, suffered and triumphed here, before entering into the "Rest that remaineth," beyond. Such an one was this maiden of the Revolution whose force of character and matronly example have passed, by inheritance, into many homes and left a blessed memory in many hearts.

The later years of this good woman were serene, restful, expectant. She attained to four-score and seven, lacking three days. The average age of her six longest surviving children was 86 years., 6 months and 12 days.

## Descendants

### 5.

**Cynthia Mason (5)**, Elisha 4, Joseph 3, Joseph 2, John 1; b. July 24, 1786, in Litchfield, Conn.; m. Jan. 15, 1810, Isaac Turner who died; m. April 18, 1838, Jonathan Carrington; d. Jan. 12, 1871 in Litchfield, Conn.

Children, all by first marriage, born in Northfield, Conn.

1. Lucretia Mason Turner (6), b. April 8, 1811. 15.
2. Phebe Hopkins Furner (6), b. March 12, 1813. 16.
3. Cynthia Turner (6), b. Sept. 20, 1815. 17.
4. Maria Turner (6), b. Dec. 25, 1817. 18.
5. Elisha Mason Turner (6), b. June 18, 1822. 19.
6. John Pierpont Camp Turner (6), b. Feb. 26, 1826. 19.

Of Cynthia (Mason) Turner-Carrington (5) it is not possible to give such notice as her prominence in the family demands. Her children are all dead and only incomplete memories of long ago can now be summoned to tell the story. In her father's house from early childhood her position was one of great responsibility and helpfulness. Afterwards, in her own home she filled her place with abundant success to the end of her useful life. The Turner home was in Northfield parish, in the township of Litchfield and about four miles from the Town Center. From thence the family removed to New York City, where the husband, Mr. Turner died. He was brought back and buried in Northfield, where he was born. Of the years following nothing is known—except that several years after Mr. Turner's death the family returned to Litchfield. Here Mrs. Turner mar-

ried Jonathan Carrington. From this event and for over thirty years following, the memory of the writer of this sketch (Geo. W. Mason) is perfectly clear as to what is here written. At fifty years of age, Mrs. Carrington was a lady of dignified mien and winning ways. Her housekeeping—no doubt inherited—cannot now be described better than it was in the days of King Lemuel. As a consistent member of the Congregational Church in Litchfield, where she attended divine worship until advancing years prevented; as a doer of good deeds and a dispenser of charity; as a true daughter in her devotion and service to her parents in their long pilgrimage; as a mother training her children into lives of usefulness and right action;—in these all are seen her noble character and worthy life. She was pre-eminently our first “Daughter of the American Revolution.”

#### 6.

**Rev. Stephen Mason (5)**, Elisha 4, Joseph 3, Joseph 2, John 1; **b. May 31, 1788** in Litchfield, Conn.; **m. 1816**, Betsey Burr who died March 20, 1822; **m. May 1, 1823**, Phebe Sheldon Tallmadge, who died Sept. 28, 1839. She was born April 7, 1790; **d. Nov. 8, 1870**, in Marshall, Mich., in his 82d year.

#### Children.

1. Ebenezer Porter (6), **b. Dec. 7, 1819**, in Washington, Conn.; **d. Dec. 26, 1840.** **21.**
2. **David Burr (6)**, **b. June 4, 1820**; **d. Dec. 9, 1843.**
3. **Laura Tallmadge, (6)**, **b. Sept. 21, 1824**, in Washington, Conn. **22.**

Rev. Stephen Mason (5), spent his early life in beautiful Litchfield on the old homestead two miles southeast of Litchfield Center. At that time he had

the privilege of listening to the eloquent Dr. Lyman Beecher, then pastor of Litchfield Church, under whose ministry he entered the church fold and began preparation for his chosen work. His character and ability were such that, with another young man, he was chosen by the church, and by it, assisted to prepare for the ministry. He spent four years in Williams College, then entered Andover Theological Seminary from which he graduated in 1815. The year following he spent in home missionary work in Ohio and Kentucky. Upon his return to Litchfield he received a call to the Congregational Church at Washington, Conn. There he labored with success for twelve years. He was in his younger days a protege of Dr. Lyman Beecher and throughout his long life never wearied of relating incidents of his association with this celebrated Litchfield divine. He was married in the Beecher home to Miss Elizabeth Burr from Virginia, an adopted daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Beecher. She died much lamented and two years later he married Miss Tallmadge, a very superior woman, in every way fitted to be mother to the orphans, and a minister's wife.

About this time the first temperance movement reached Washington, Conn., and Rev. Mr. Mason became its strong advocate and zealous supporter. It had been the custom for ministers and church members to partake moderately of intoxicating liquors. The advanced views and higher standards of Mr. Mason on this question made it expedient for him to seek a new field. Accordingly he removed with his family to the Island Nantucket in 1827. A temperance address delivered by him be-

fore the Nantucket Association was printed for general distribution. In the five years he remained in Nantucket he succeeded in building the edifice now in use as the First Congregational Church. At that time Nantucket was enjoying her most prosperous days and claimed a population of ten thousand. His arduous labors were more than his health could bear in that severe climate. Therefore he left the island, with great reluctance, bearing with him the love of his people and many tokens of their kindness and good will. Nor did they forget him though absent, for in subsequent years he received from them many affectionate remembrances and valued gifts. After supplying the pulpit at Collinsville, Connecticut for a year he settled in Goshen, Massachusetts, in order to have his daughter educated in the school at Northampton, which was near. Later he removed to Michigan, hoping a change of climate would benefit his health. His brother Edwin was already there, having removed thither in 1832. He decided to settle in Marshall as it was a prospective college town. Here, on what was then the frontier he purchased a farm for the benefit of his sons. As one of the early settlers of Michigan he knew much of the hardships of pioneer life. He began supplying the pulpit at Marshall in December, 1837, and continued one year. He preached at Eckford and Clarendon five years. Then on account of failing health and throat trouble contracted at Nantucket, he retired from active ministerial duties, never again to resume them. Two years after his settlement in Marshall his wife died. The following year he was again grievously afflicted by the death

of his son, Ebenezer Porter Mason, at the early age of twenty-one. Although so young he had already shown remarkable ability and must have filled his father's heart with pride. This crushing blow was soon followed by the death, (December 29, 1843), of the only remaining son David Burr Mason. Truly this good man's sorrows were many and heavy. The last twenty-one years of his life were spent in the home of his daughter Laura, wife of Mr. Henry C. Haskell. His time was abundantly employed in reading, in horticulture, in directing the work of his farm, and in assisting his daughter to train and educate her six sons. To him the younger ministers came for social intercourse and for his ready sympathy and advice. To the end of life he cherished the religious views taught him at Andover, which represented the New England theology of that day. He was grieved at every evidence of more liberal thought. It was to him a sign of weakened orthodoxy. Three years before his death he was stricken with paralysis. Previous to this he had enjoyed a green old age, free from care and responsibility and full of the pleasant memories of a well spent life. Thus he waited for the end to come. Those who knew him say that in personal appearance he was attractive, his bearing self-possessed and dignified. His tall figure was never bent, even when heavy with the weight of years. To the end he received the respect and veneration of the entire community and the love and reverence of his kindred. (Mrs. M. C. Howe.)



## 7.

Lucretia Mason (5), Elisha 4, Joseph 3, Joseph 2, John 1; b. Nov. 1, 1790 in Litchfield, Conn.; m. Jan. 1810, Guy Webster who died Aug. 13, 1853; d. Dec. 28, 1874, in Ionia, Mich.

## Children.

1. Cynthia Mason Webster, (6), b. July 11, 1811; d. Aug. 12, 1812.
2. C. Louisa Webster (6), b. July 6, 1813, in Hanover, N. Y.; d. Dec. 17, 1905 at E. Aurora, N. Y. **23.**
3. Caroline Webster (6), b. Sept. 25, 1815, in Hanover, N. Y.; d. May 10, 1842, Logan County, Ohio. **24.**
4. Marcia Webster (6), b. Aug. 14, 1817; d. Oct. 6, 1818.
5. Marcia Webster (6), b. Sept. 15, 1819, in Hanover, N. Y.; d. at Lake Odessa, Mich., Dec. 22, 1902. **25.**
6. Betsey B. Webster (6), b. Feb. 28, 1822; d. June 26, 1846. No children.
7. Lucretia Webster (6), b. April 5, 1825 in Hanover or Boston, N. Y.; d. Nov. 24, 1884. **26.**
8. Eusebia Webster, (6), b. April 25, 1827; d. Dec. 22, 1827.
9. William Webster (6), b. Oct. 1, 1828; d. April 30, 1829.
10. Eusebia Webster (6), b. May 9, 1830; d. Oct. 22, 1830.
11. Guy Webster (6), b. Sept. 21, 1831, at Concord, New York.; d. at Ionia, Mich., July 19, 1865. **27.**
12. Elisha Mason Webster (6), b. June 2, 1834; d. May 21, 1839.

Lucretia Mason (5), after her marriage in Litchfield, Connecticut, first settled in Hanover (then Boston), N. Y. Thence the family removed to Central Michigan, to the timbered country, then opened, but sparsely settled. The log-cabin came immediately, but the trials and hardships of most pioneer

settlements followed and continued long. Meanwhile this log-cabin—and the farm house which followed it—became the center of religious and missionary influence for many miles around, and the wife and mother was practically shepherd and pastor of the flock. Were any sick, destitute, dying or bereaved and needing aid and consolation—were any needing Christian burial—who so well as she could give the needed help, speak the sympathetic word, or perform the solemn ministrations! The front room of the “new house,” like its predecessor the log-cabin, was used for public worship. In it was organized the first church of Ionia, Michigan. The kitchen was used as a justice’s court room. Thus in this house was laid the foundations of society in Central Michigan, of material transported from the sterile soil of Chestnut Hill in Old Litchfield, Connecticut. When the war of 1812 broke out Mr. Webster joined our forces at Buffalo, leaving his family in a log-cabin of his own making at Hanover, about half a mile from the trail of an Indian tribe, not knowing whether they would remain neutral or join the enemy. Outside the cabin was a grindstone at which the Indians would grind their knives and tomahawks. One day several of them came into the cabin and wanted flour. Mrs. Webster, thinking it unwise to refuse, climbed into the loft where the flour was kept. Hearing the ladder creak she looked over her shoulder and saw a big Indian towering over her and motioning with his hands saying “More! More!” Down came the lid of the chest and he was sternly ordered to descend the ladder or he would get no flour at all.

The other Indians laughed and chaffed him about his discomfiture, much as white men would do. Of Mrs. Webster one of the present generation (Mrs. Alice Rickey Colwell) writes: "Notwithstanding her pioneer life, Grandmother Webster retained a refinement of manners which made her a cherished friend and honored guest of the best people in Ionia City all her life."

### 8.

**Caroline Mason (6)**, Elisha 4, Joseph 3, Joseph 2, John 1; b. Dec. 22, 1792, in Litchfield, Conn.; m. Nov. 1, 1821, John A. Oviatt, who died Aug. 21, 1879; d. March 13, 1836.

### Children.

1. Elizabeth Mason Oviatt (6), b. Oct. 25, 1823, in Washington, Conn. **28.**
2. Harriett Oviatt (6), b. July 27, 1826, in Washington, Conn. **29.**
3. Joshua Newell Oviatt (6), b. Oct. 27, 1832, in Washington, Conn. **30.**

Caroline Mason (5), was the youngest of Elisha Mason's three daughters. She was for several years teacher in the public schools of Litchfield.

While visiting her brother, Rev. Stephen Mason, pastor of the Congregational Church in Washington, Connecticut, she made the acquaintance of Mr. John A. Oviatt, afterwards widely known as Deacon Oviatt, whom she subsequently married. They made their home in one of the valleys of that quaint and historic old town, among a people of intelligence and sterling qualities. In her girlhood Mrs. Oviatt

became a member of the church in her native town, which had for pastor Rev. Dr. Lyman Beecher. Her amiability and conscientious life made her beloved by a large circle of friends in both communities. A suitable headstone marks her burial place in the East Cemetery at Washington, Connecticut.

## 9.

Elisha Mason (5), Elisha 4, Joseph 3, Joseph 2, John 1; b. June 5, 1795, in Litchfield, Conn.; d. June 10, 1817, in New Bedford, Mass. Not married.

Elisha Mason (5), was born into a work-a-day world, at a time when boys and girls began early to prepare for the life before them. Then hand-work was almost the only way to be useful and to make a living. He learned the tailor's trade, and when that was accomplished, he went forth and settled in New Bedford. There, at the age of twenty-two years he was stricken with "a malignant fever" and hurried into another world. Little is known of him and that little is only the faint recollection of what was said years ago. He was doubtless buried in New Bedford.

## 10.

Elijah Mason (5), Elisha 4, Joseph 3, Joseph 2, John 1; b. May 24, 1799, in Litchfield, Conn.; m. 1824, Susan D. Newell, b. Dec. 25, 1806, who died Feb. 8, 1851; d. July 3, 1857, in Richland, Mich.

## Children, born in Ohio.

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| 1. Elisha (6), b. June 4, 1826.       | 31. |
| 2. Cynthia Adaline (6), b. abt. 1828. | 32. |

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3. Elijah F. (6), b. Feb. 2, 1830; June 8, 1890. 33.
4. Guy Newell (6), b. Jan. 1, 1832; d. Jan. 1, 1850.
5. Demila Adelaide (6), b. May 14, 1834. 34.
6. Bruce (6), b. Feb. 14, 1837; d. July 10, 1903.

Elijah Mason (5), was by trade a carpenter. Working at his trade, he drifted westward to the "New Connecticut" region—the pioneer of the family. He married and settled in Cleveland, Ohio where two or three of his children were born. Later and within the recollection of the writer he lived in Elyria, Ohio. From thence letters came to Connecticut describing the desolation caused by the fever and ague of that place. This was the main reason for his removal to Oberlin, Ohio. Even at that time this growing town and the Seminary gave promise of the city and the College that were to be. Here he found abundant and permanent employment as a builder. Here his business life was spent, until his sight was impaired and finally lost. He made frequent visits to Connecticut in the years before and after the death of his wife. In these visits he manifested a cheerfulness and resignation under his disability and misfortune which were most admirable. His last years were spent with his younger brother Edwin in Richland, Michigan where he died. Of his children, widely scattered, it is believed that full reports are at last gathered, except the possible descendants of his oldest daughter's children. This daughter's descendants, if any exist, are probably in the Southern States.

## 11.

Joseph William Mason (5), Elisha 4, Joseph 3, Joseph 2, John 1; b. May 6, 1801, in Litchfield, Conn.;

m. June 11, 1828, Lucy W. Crossman; b. July 17, 1809, who died Sept. 14, 1839; m. 1840, Lucretia S. Partree who died May 15, 1877; d. April 6, 1886, in Morris Conn.

**Children, all born in Morris, Conn.**

1. Cornelia (6), b. Jan. 27, 1830; d. Dec. 15, 1832.
2. Joshua (6), b. Dec. 5, 1831; d. Sept. 2, 1858. **35.**
3. Henrietta Crossman (6), b. March 17, 1834.
4. Frederick James (6), b. March 25, 1836; d. Oct. 30, 1838.
5. Edward Franklin (6), b. Aug. 5, 1838; d. Jan. 14, 1839.
6. Eloise M. (6), b. Aug 8, 1841; d. Oct. 29, 1904. **36.**

Joseph William Mason (5), learned the tailor's trade in Litchfield, after which he found employment in New Haven County for a considerable period. Then his employer made contracts, to fill which he sent young Mason to Greenville, Georgia for a term of years. Letters sent to his parents while there, and now in possession of the writer, reflect credit upon the head and heart of the absent son. Returning home he married and settled for life in South Farms, now Morris, Connecticut. Here for three score years and more, his record is written in the annals of the church and community. He plied his trade for many years and had a large patronage, but as years advanced his health demanded out-door employment. So he bought land and became quite a farmer. He passed a serene old age—in anticipation of the "joy that was set before him."

**12.**

Edwin Mason (5), Elisha 4, Joseph 3, Joseph 2 John 1; b. Aug. 17, 1803, in Litchfield, Conn.; m. Dec.

13, 1826, Clarissa Johnson who died Oct. 13, 1890; d. Feb. 21, 1901.

**Children, in Litchfield, Conn., and Richland, Mich.**

1. Maria (6), b. Oct. 29, 1827, in Litchfield, Conn. **37.**
2. Cornelius (6), b. Sept. 29, 1829, in Litchfield, Conn. **38.**
3. Laura T. (6), b. July 11, 1832, in Litchfield, Conn. **39.**
4. Stephen (6), b. Oct. 22, 1834; d. July 22, 1835, in Richland, Mich.
5. Henry (6), b. Oct. 26, 1836; d. Feb. 27, 1839, in Richland, Mich.
6. Edwin (6), b. Feb. 11, 1839; d. Feb. 25, 1839, in Richland, Mich.
7. Betsy Ann (6), b. Dec. 28, 1841; in Richland, Mich. **40.**
8. Cornelia C. (6), b. Dec. 26, 1846; in Richland, Mich. **41.**

Edwin Mason (5), went to Richland, Kalamazoo County, Michigan in the Spring of 1832, took up 160 acres of government land, built a log house, and returned to Litchfield, Connecticut, after his family in September of the same year. They journeyed to Albany in a covered wagon drawn by horses. There were in the party the pioneer, his wife (with her brother), and the children that had then been born, the youngest being six weeks old. In Albany the team and wagon were sold, as the party was to be transported to Buffalo on the Erie canal, and thence by boat on the lake to Detroit. In Detroit a team of oxen and covered wagon were bought and the cedar chests, full of goods, loaded for their destination. The mother sitting in her rocking-chair cared for the baby and the children as they journeyed across Michigan. This they called "The Horn Line." When there were no taverns they slept in

the wagon. It took three weeks to get to their new home from Litchfield. It took ten days from Detroit, about 150 miles distant. The furniture in the log cabin was primitive; the chairs and table being made of slabs. Bedsteads were made by boring holes in the logs of the wall and inserting a stick, the other end of which rested in a crotch set up out in the room. Two of these set a bed's length apart and connected with poles or slabs, made a good support for the marsh-hay bed. The cooking was done over the open fire. The Indians were friendly and taught the one boy pioneer to fish and hunt, being his only playmates. The father was an expert fisherman and hunter and frequently in this way provided much needed supplies. They had plenty of land, but little money; and they soon had a saw-mill. But Mrs. Mason often said that she would gladly leave it all, if they could go back to Connecticut to start anew there. In the fall of 1832 these pioneers helped organize a church in their log cabin. There the meetings were held, alternating with other homes in the settlement. In this church Mr. Mason was for forty years an active deacon, and an honored member to the end of life. He helped to build two churches in Richland, and lived to see this wilderness converted into beautiful fields and dotted with homes. When he went to Michigan, Kalamazoo was a French trading post with only two houses. He lived to see it a city of 25,000 inhabitants. In 1833 all able bodied men were, for a short time, called into service against Black Hawk and his warriors. Of these Mr. Mason was one. He was present on the arrival of the first train on the Michigan



Central Railway, an event never to be forgotten. In his last days he often spoke of the wonderful changes wrought as the years flew by. Deacon Mason was a Republican from the first. His last ballot was cast for William McKinley when a candidate for the Presidency. He went to his rest full of years. The example and influence for good of such men cannot be estimated. No tribute to his worth is needed by those who knew him. (By his youngest daughter.)

## 13.

**Benjamin Webster Mason (5)**, Elisha 4, Joseph 3, Joseph 2, John 1; b. May 25, 1806, in Litchfield, Conn.; m. April 17, 1832, Susan Ford who was born Aug. 22, 1808 and died Oct. 20, 1869; d. Jan. 16, 1888.

## Children, born in Litchfield, Conn.

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| 1. George William (6), b. Feb. 24, 1833.              | 42. |
| 2. Charles Herbert (6), b. April 7, 1835.             | 43. |
| 3. Ebenezer Porter (6), b. July 13, 1841.             | 44. |
| 4. David Burr (6), b. Aug. 6, 1843; d. Aug. 30, 1850. |     |
| 5. Edward Benjamin (6), b. May 4, 1846.               | 45. |

Benjamin Webster Mason (5), was evidently named for his mother's ancestor, Benjamin Webster, who came hither from Hartford and settled in Litchfield in 1720. He and Joseph Mason, Sr., had their homesteads on opposite sides of what is now Chestnut Hill Street, and for most of the time to the present the two families of Webster and Mason have occupied relatively the same position on the street. Inter-marriage was a very natural result,—and then also the name of Benjamin Webster Mason. In boyhood Benjamin (5) was placed in the family of his brother Rev. Stephen Mason, then pastor of the Congrega-

tional Church in Washington, Conn. Here he remained several years. He then learned the shoemaker's trade which he followed in Washington and Litchfield until middle life. When, in 1832, the elder brother Edwin Mason went to Michigan, it was arranged that Benjamin should succeed him in the care of their aged parents. So after his marriage in Washington, Conn., he removed to Litchfield and settled for life on the old homestead at lower Chestnut Hill; it being the identical land which Joseph Mason, the pioneer, deeded in 1748 to his son Joseph, Jr., in consideration of his "love and affection," etc., and which has remained in the family to the present time (1908). Here Joseph Mason, Jr., lived and died. Here his son Elisha Mason lived about 90 years. It was the home of Benjamin W. Mason and the birthplace of his children. He died in possession of it, although after the death of his wife, he lived with his sons. No man ever clung more fondly to the home of his ancestors with its precious memories and hallowed associations. He was a man of ardent temperament, of strong and generous impulses, industrious to a fault, very thorough and efficient in all that he did. On the Sabbath he would not work nor allow his boys to play ball or go fishing. He was a faithful member of the Litchfield Congregational Church. To him the Golden Rule was the sum of practical religion. In his boyhood, by the turning of the saddle on a horse he was riding, he was thrown and dragged by the stirrup until unconscious. From this accident he never fully recovered. In later life at intervals, it caused him much suffering, which he bore with christian

fortitude. Of all the children of Elisha Mason, he is the only one laid beside his parents in the old cemetery at Litchfield.

**14.**

**Joshua Mason (6)**, Elisha 4, Joseph 3, Joseph 2, John 1; b. Feb. 18, 1809, in Litchfield, Conn.; d. Jan. 18, 1832, in Dartmouth, Mass., not married.

Joshua Mason (5), youngest son of Elisha and Lucretia Mason, has a record much like that of his brother Elisha. What induced him to take up his abode in Dartmouth, Mass., is not known. His brother, Rev. Stephen Mason, had spent several years in Nantucket and his brother, Elisha Mason, had lived, died and was buried in New Bedford several years before. Perhaps these things had something to do with Joshua's residence in Dartmouth, a near-by town. Here he fell a victim to some internal disease, probably appendicitis. A headstone in Dartmouth cemetery marks his last resting place. There he sleeps apart from his kindred and far distant from any of his nine adult brothers and sisters.

"They grew in beauty side by side,

"They filled one home with glee;

"Their graves are sever'd far and wide,

"By mount and stream and sea."

—Mrs. Hemans.

**15.**

**Lucretia Mason Turner (6)**, Cynthia 5, Elisha 4, Joseph 3, Joseph 2, John 1; b. April 8, 1811, in Northfield, Conn.; m. April 7, 1830, George Myron Kasson, b. May 19, 1803; d. May 13, 1893; d. July 9, 1887.

## Children.

1. Lucy Margaret Kasson (7), b. Feb. 24, 1832. 46.
2. Eleanor Maria Kasson (7), b. Aug. 5, 1834. 47
3. George Dixon Kasson (7), b. Sept. 18, 1836; d. April 18, 1837.
4. Deborah McCall Kasson (7), b. June 10, 1838. 48.
5. Gertrude Percy Kasson, b. Sept. 11, 1841.
6. Charlotte Elizabeth Kasson (7), b. Feb. 4, 1844. d. Jan. 14, 1857.
7. Ralph Wilbur Kasson (7) b. Jan. 21. 1848. 49.
8. Elizabeth Hull Kasson (7), b. July 4, 1850. 50.
9. William Turner Kasson (7), b. Feb. 20, 1854.

Lucretia Mason Turner (6), spent her early life in Northfield, Conn. Later she lived in South Farms, now Morris, Conn. She had a common school education and commenced teaching when quite young. She was always a successful teacher. Her husband was a farmer and after marriage she passed the rest of her life with him in the town of Bethlehem, Conn. She was a woman of strong character and good executive ability, and was ever ready to help the sick and the needy. She was hospitable and had a cordial welcome for those who sought her at home. The Congregational Church had in her a consistent member and a regular attendant. As the eldest of four sisters, the like of whom is not easily found in rural life, (or any other) in a single family, Mrs. Kasson, as did the others, stood an example of Christian faith and practice in the community where each lived so long.

## 16.

**Phebe Hopkins Turner (6)**, Cynthia 5, Elisha 4, Joseph 3, Joseph 2, John 1; b. March 12, 1813, in Northfield, m. May 11, 1836. Preston S. Hollister; b. Dec. 11, 1808; d. Sept. 20, 1888; d. Feb 14. 1895.

## Children.

1. Fitzgreen Hollister (7), b. April 17, 1837; d. June 15, 1864. 52.
2. Walter Hollister (7), b. Dec. 10, 1838; d. June 19, 1843.
3. Clarence Hollister (7), b. June 18, 1841, d. Dec. 22, 1859.
4. Arthur Hollister (7), b. Oct. 3, 1846; d. Aug. 13, 1903; m. Oct. 20, 1875; Addie Hollister, who was born Oct. 29, 1853.

Phebe Hopkins (Turner) Hollister spent her early life in Northfield, Conn. She became a teacher. Her first school was in Washington, Conn., and one of her first pupils was Hon. Orville H. Platt, United States senator from Connecticut, for about 24 years. In her East Street school she became acquainted with Preston S. Hollister, to whom in later years she was married. The marriage took place at the home of her parents in New York City but she with her husband returned to East Street, where in a new house which had been built for them, near the school house, she passed her life. The above record shows that all her children died early. Probably the greatest trial of her life was the going fourth of her eldest son as a soldier, and his return silent in death. In her last letter to him the mother wrote. "He is able to preserve you but it may be His plan that your earthly career be early finished." The letter never reached him. Months after his burial the letter came back to its writer. Mrs. Hollister was a typical New England character, self-cultured and self-reliant, religious and full of good works. The widow of

her youngest son, Arthur is the sole living representative of the family. To her we are indebted for most of the materials for this sketch.

### 17.

**Cynthia Turner (6)**, Cynthia 5, Elisha 4, Joseph 2, Joseph 2, John 1, b. Sept. 20, 1815, in Litchfield, Conn.; m. Jan. 28, 1841, Leonard Pierpont, of Morris Conn; b. Aug. 28, 1819; d. April 10, 1874; d. Jan. 18, 1905.

#### Children.

1. Leonard Pierpont (7), b. May 15, 1842; d. July 16, 1865, "in the Service." **53.**
2. Walter Pierpont (7), b. Sept. 9, 1843; d. June 1, 1864, "in the Service." **54.**
3. Sherman Edward Pierpont (7), b. Nov. 22, 1844; d. April 9, 1865, "in the Service." **55.**
4. J. Newton Pierpont (7), b. Feb. 6, 1847. **56.**
5. Mary Hooker Pierpont (7), b. March 30, 1849. **57.**
6. Lucy Pierpont (7), b. Jan. 20, 1853. **58.**
7. James Pierpont (7), b. Oct. 22, 1855. **59.**
8. John Pierpont (7), b. Oct. 22, 1855. **60.**

Cynthia (Turner) Pierpont (6), with her husband and family removed from East Morris to Ford County Illinois, in 1858. They settled on a farm near Gibson City. Her daughter-in-law, Mrs. J. Newton Pierpont of New Haven, Conn., writes:—"When as a daughter, I came into the family circle I soon learned to love her as a true mother, for such she always was to me. In sickness and death she was a watcher and sympathizer with the afflicted. In those first years out on the frontier she had abundant opportunity to show her kindly attentions, as she many times sheltered tired and lonely travelers across the prairie." Her children are all living

except the eldest three. These were soldiers in the Civil War and gave their lives to their country. Their record is an honor to the mother who bore them. Truly her life was not a failure.

### 18.

**Maria Turner (6)**, Cynthia 5, Elisha 4, Joseph 3, Joseph 2, John 1; b. December 25, 1817, in Northfield, Conn.; m. Oct. 30, 1845, John Humphrey; b. Jan. 18, 1801, d. July 14, 1854; d. April 22, 1899, in Preston City, Conn.

#### Children, born in Norfolk, Conn.

1. Mary Humphrey (7), b. Sept. 8, 1846. **64.**
2. Robert Phelps Humphrey (7), b. March 28, 1851. **65.**
3. John Humphrey (7), b. July 2, 1853. **66.**

Maria Turner Humphrey (6), when about twelve years old, removed with her father's family to New York City and resided there for several years. After the father's death the family returned to Litchfield, Conn. Although her early education was limited yet by improving all opportunities she fitted herself to be a teacher and she taught several successful terms in the town. While there she was a member of the Congregational church choir. She had a fine voice for singing which she retained most of her life. Her husband's home was in Norfolk, Conn., where she resided until his death,—which was very sudden. The year following she removed to Bethlehem, Conn. Here she remained until 1879. She then removed to Marietta, Ohio, where one of her sons was in business. There her daughter married

but returned to Conn., living a few years in North Madison and then settled in Preston City, Conn. Mrs. Humphrey followed and made her home with her daughter during her last years. (By her niece.)

### 19.

Elisha Mason Turner (6), Cynthia 5, Elisha 4, Joseph 3, Joseph 2, John 1; b. June 18, 1822, in Northfield, Conn.; m. Jan. 9, 1854, Laura Jane Vanhorn; b. Sept. 4, 1830; d. Feb. 8, 1907; d. May 13, 1902.

#### Children.

1. Clarence Elisha Turner (7), b. March 18, 1855, at West Stockbridge, Mass.
2. William Jay Turner (7), b. May 21, 1862; d. Oct. 3, 1891. 61.
3. Arthur Preston Turner (7), b. June 14, 1872, at Salisbury, Conn.; d. at St. Cloud Fla., Feb. 28, 1910.

Elisha Mason Turner (6), the eldest grandson of Elisha Mason (4) who lived to middle life, seemed to resemble the grandfather more than did any other son or grandson. He much resembled him whose name he bore in stature, features and general bearing; also in traits of character, cheerfulness, and sunny ways of greeting friends. He also practiced the same vocation with equal skill and diligence winning the confidence and respect of all. After wandering a few years early in life, largely at sea, he returned to establish and maintain a home in New England for nearly fifty years, until the end of life.

### 20.

John Pierpont Camp Turner (6), Cynthia 5, Elisha 4, Joseph 3, Joseph 2, John 1; b. Feb. 26, 1826, in Northfield, Conn.; m. Sept. 9, 1849, Cornelia A. Van Horn, b. Aug. 6, 1832; d. Feb. 7, 1896; d. Jan 23, 1881.



**Children.**

1. Eva Maria Turner (7), b. May 12, 1852, at Charles City, Iowa.
2. Carrie Turner (7), b. July 8, 1858, at Winsted, Conn. **63.**

John Pierpont Camp Turner (6) early acquired proficiency as a carpenter and builder. He soon became a contractor and architect and was accustomed to operations of considerable importance. But these could wait;—the rebellion must be suppressed. Accordingly he enlisted in the 7th N. Y. A., and afterwards in the 113th N. Y. Vols., and for a time served in the defenses about Washington. Here the writer met him in the fall of 1862 and found him chafing at the interminable delay. He had been made Sergeant; but desiring active service he took examination for promotion to duty with the U. S. C. T., where his experience before the war served to make him efficient and prominent. He was soon made Lieutenant and then First Lieutenant. He was assigned to duty in the Department of Florida; and was later made Chief Engineer on the Staff of Brigadier General Hatch. He was now in his natural sphere. Railroads and bridges were to be built, tracks to be laid as the army advanced, or to be pulled up and destroyed on the retreat,—with a fight on hand in either case. He did his work well, and did what he could in laying the foundation for our present peace and prosperity. No one had more positive views than he, concerning the great issues of the day, nor was anyone more resolute in maintaining them. He was an earnest, whole-hearted,

conscientious man, of the kind that may always be found "at the Front." After his discharge from the army he resided in Albany, N. Y., where he died.

## 21.

**Ebenezer Porter Mason (6)**, Stephen 5, Elisha 4, Joseph 3, Joseph 2, John 1; b. Dec. 7, 1819, in Washington, Conn.; d. Dec. 26, 1840, in Richmond, Va.; not married.

Ebenezer Porter Mason was named in honor of Rev. Ebenezer Porter, D. D., whom his father succeeded as minister of the Congregational Church in Washington, Conn. He early manifested signs of an unusually bright mind. His mother died when he was three years of age, but in his step-mother he found one who loved him dearly and cared for him carefully, fully appreciating his budding talents. From the age of eight years his education was largely under the direction of his aunt, Mrs. Harriet B. Turner of Richmond, Va. In June, 1830, he left Richmond for Nantucket where his father was the settled minister. He here entered the Coffin School where he soon attracted attention by his proficiency and his advancement beyond other boys of his age. In 1832 he was sent by his father to the school for boys in Ellington, Conn. His father not being able to support him longer in school, he returned to Nantucket and became assistant teacher in the schools of that Island. In August, 1835, he entered Yale College. Here his fine scholarship and superior mathematical powers soon gave him an eminent place among the students. He graduated with honor in 1839.

Long before his entrance to Yale College he had become absorbed in astronomy, and its attendant, mathematics. In this branch of science he was remarkably proficient and astonishingly successful for one so young and so limited as to appliances. At the recent Centenary of Yale it was said, in the address upon Yale in Astronomy, that "E. P. Mason was the most brilliant of the group which initiated our national zeal for astronomical research, and that it was not thought exaggeration to compare his powers with those of Sir William Herschel, or even Galileo." Yet he died at the age of twenty-one years. In his freshman year at Yale he calculated the eclipse of the moon, his only instruments being a pair of compasses and a two foot rule. His drawings then made were published in the Yale Literary Magazine. His first telescope he made himself. With this, in March, 1837, he was requested to observe a remarkable cluster of sun-spots which had appeared and to keep a journal of his observations. This was his first important original work and was deposited in Yale college. This was followed by his work on Periodical Meteors, published in the American Philosophical Transactions of 1841. He next reviewed the demonstrations and repeated the solutions to the problems in the proof sheets of Prof. Olmsted's Natural Philosophy, 3d Edition. The vacation previous to the fall of 1838, he spent in constructing a new and large telescope for the especial purpose of making observations upon the great eclipse of the sun, to occur Sept. 18, 1838. The results of these observations were published in the American Journal of Science. A few weeks

before commencement he made the observation on Nebulae which is considered his greatest achievement. It formed the basis of his paper upon observations on Nebulae published in the Transactions of the American Philosophical Society for 1840. Hoping to recruit his failing health, he accepted a position on the Commission of the United States, to explore the boundary line in dispute between Maine and Canada. He returned to New York, Oct. 29, 1840, and had arranged to reduce his observations to proper form, by aid of an assistant at Columbia College, when ill health compelled him to quit his work. He returned to New Haven and by a heroic effort finished his Practical Astronomy, a work on which he had spent much time and study,—a work which was to be his last. On the second of December he left New Haven for Richmond, hoping that the milder climate would aid him to a longer life. It was in vain. Nine days after his arrival he expired at the home of Rev. J. H. Turner, at the age of 21 years. It must have been hard for this young man to die in the morning of his busy life, and just as the highest achievements seemed opening to him; to relinquish all his ambitions, hopes and exalted purposes forever. Perhaps resignation would have been easier had he known that his work would endure, that his memoirs would be published, and that in the Annals of Yale, he would be held in memory as one of its most gifted sons. For further information concerning Ebenezer Porter Mason, the inquirer is directed to his memoirs by Prof. Olmsted. They were penned by a loving hand.

(By Mrs. M. C. Howe.)

**22.**

Laura Tallmadge Mason (6), Stephen 5, Elisha 4, Joseph 3, Jooseph 2, John 1; b. Sept. 21, 1824, in Washington, Conn.; m. Nov. 27, 1845, Henry Curtis Haskell; b. May. 28, 1820, d. Dec. 16, 1905; d. March 11, 1875, in Marshall, Mich.

**Children, all born in Marshall, Mich.**

1. Laura Tallmadge Haskell (7), b. July 12, 1849.
2. Stephen Mason Haskell (7), b. Oct. 14, 1850. **67.**
3. Henry Marsh Haskell (7), b. Oct. 25, 1852. **68.**
4. Frances Elizabeth Haskell (7), b. Sept. 25, 1854.
5. Mary Catharine Haskell (7), b. Sept. 8, 1856. **69.**
6. Porter David Haskell (7), b. April 28, 1859.
7. William Lincoln Haskell (7), b. Aug. 10, 1864. **70.**

Laura Tallmadge (Mason) Haskell in early life, like many children of ministers, had several homes. When she was fourteen years of age her father removed to Marshall, Mich. Within two years of their arrival, she was deprived of her mother and brother by death. She now found an excellent home in the family of her mother's sister, the wife of Rev. Dr. Marsh of Brooklyn, N. Y. Here she resided for several years. Her education was superior for those times and was mainly acquired at Northampton, Mass. Her husband's home was in Marshall, Mich., which was her home till death. Here her seven children were born. From early life her sensitive nervous organization was the cause of much suffering. In 1867 she became a confirmed invalid from spinal disease and suffered much. The tedium of life during these years, she relieved somewhat by reading, writing and useful or ornamental

handiwork. She much enjoyed the use of her pen, and some of her poems show a gifted mind and a devout heart. She was of a timid shrinking nature, much preferring her books and a few congenial friends to general society, in which she was also well fitted to shine. She was a devoted mother and from her youth a consistent Christian. She practically recovered her health several years before her death but finally died of pneumonia at the age of fifty-one years.

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### 23.

C. Louisa Webster (6), Lucretia 5, Elisha 4, Joseph 3, Joseph 2, John 1; b. July 6, 1813, in Hanover, Chataqua County, New York; m. Oct. 1, 1831, Sylvester E. Abbott who died in 1879; d. Dec. 17, 1905.

#### Children.

1. Newton Abbott (7), b. Sept. 1, 1833; d. Jan. 1835.
2. Lucretia Alsina Abbott (7), b. May 10, 1835. 71.
3. Caroline E. Abbott (7), b. May 19, 1839. 72.
4. Louise E. Abbott (7), b. July 24, 1842. 73.
5. Webster W. Abbott (7), b. April 27, 1844. 74.
6. Betsey E. Abbott (7), b. Jan. 31, 1846. 75.
7. Marcia A. Abbott (7), b. July 28, 1848. 76.
8. Caleb Abbott (7), b. April 12, 1850; d. April 30, 1850.
9. Anna A. L. Abbott (7), b. April 28, 1853. 77.
10. Sylvester E. Abbott (7), b. April 19, 1856. 78.

Louisa (Webster) Abbott was quite a pilgrim. Her father settled first in Hanover, N. Y., where the family lived for a dozen years, more or less. In January, 1828, the family home was in Boston, N. Y. In

May, 1832, it was in Concord, N. Y., and in 1834 in Elyria, Ohio, (where Elijah Mason then lived) being doubtless on the way to Michigan. For a short period, before and after marriage, she resided in Albany, but when her parents removed to Michigan she and her husband returned to Concord and lived on her father's farm. There they resided for nearly fifty years. The year following the death of her husband, she went with her youngest daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Corah, to East Aurora, N. Y., and with them she spent the remaining twenty-five years of her life. It is said "To know her was to love her." Even the children of the neighborhood brought the best flowers that bloomed in gardens, or by the wayside for "Grandma," as they called her. Her active life was spent in faithful work in the Presbyterian Church of which her husband and all their children were influential members. For many years Mrs. Abbott was called to pass through the "refiner's fire," and to endure great hardship and suffering from a complication of acute and chronic diseases of the heart, stomach and other vital organs. She was compelled to diet strictly, and to deny herself many privileges. At last a dear friend from California visited her while she was confined to her bed, and commended to her "The Christian Science Healing." This friend was assured that no faith or confidence was reposed in that, but later the suffering woman was induced to try it. "The result was that she was raised to health and for eight years afterwards, until the end of life, she needed no physician and used no drugs. There was no restraint concerning diet or social privileges,

and her life henceforth flowed on serenely as she rejoiced in His promise who "forgiveth all thine iniquities—who healeth all thy diseases." And when the end came, she settled down to rest as sweetly as does the evening sun at the close of a cloudless day."

(Mrs. Colwell.)

It may be noted that the sisters, Louisa and Marcia who alone of the Webster children passed over into the 20th Century (though living in different States)—died with only an interval of five days in the dates of the event, there being about six years between dates of birth.

#### 24.

**Caroline Webster (6)**, Lucretia 5, Elisha 4, Joseph 3, Joseph 2, John 1; b. Sept. 25, 1815, in Hanover, Chataqua Co., N. Y.; m. March 3, 1837, Moses Emerson; b. July 30, 1812; d. Nov. 8, 1892; d. May 10, 1842.

**Child, born in Logan County, Ohio.**

1. Josiah D. Emerson (7), b. May 19, 1740. **79.**

Caroline (Webster) Emerson's life was brief and her history is not very well known. From a letter written by her mother, Lucretia Webster, July 29, 1843, and now before the writer, comes our earliest information concerning her. She was then teaching school (apparently) in Carlisle, Ohio, where a three months' engagement was extended three months longer. She had previously been a student in the school at Oberlin, to which place a letter from Phebe Turner, a Connecticut cousin, was forwarded to her.



This explains where her "husband to be" found his future wife. He was born in Chelsea, Vt., and was a student at Oberlin in 1834. In 1836 he went into Logan County, Ohio, bought land, built a log cabin, "windrowed" and burned the timber on a few acres around the cabin on which to raise the next year's crop. He then returned to Oberlin and was married; but was back to his house in the wilderness before corn-planting time, having piloted his bride two hundred miles, on horseback through the woods to their new home. Five years of happy joyous life followed, and then her work was done. She passed to the Great Beyond, leaving husband, babe and a stricken community to mourn her early going. This is what is gleaned from her mother's letter in 1834 and from a letter in 1907 from her son Josiah D. Emerson of Bellefontaine, Ohio.

### 25.

**Marcia Webster (6)**, Lucretia 5, Elisha 4, Joseph 3, Joseph 2, John 1; b. Sept. 15, 1819, in Hanover, Chataqua Co., N. Y.; m. Dec. 14, 1837, Oren S. Rickey, b. July 19, 1811; d. July 26, 1890; d. Dec. 22, 1902, in Lake Odessa, Mich.

### Children.

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| 1. Edgar Douglas Rickey (7), b. Dec. 19, 1838. | 80.  |
| 2. Edwin R. Rickey (7) b. Jan. 30, 1840.       | 81.  |
| 3. Alice M. Rickey, (7), b. Nov. 5, 1843.      | 82.  |
| 4. Eva Jane Rickey, b. June 12, 1848.          | 82½. |

Marcia (Webster) Rickey belonged to a patriotic race. Her grandfather served three years in the Revolutionary War. Her father served in the war of 1812 and was at Buffalo when it was burned by

the British. Her only brother Lieut. Guy Webster of Ionia, Mich., served three years in the Third Michigan Cavalry, in the Civil War. Her two sons served in the 178th Ohio Infantry, the elder as private, the younger as captain in the same Regt. This is a grand record. When she was twelve years of age her parents removed to Ohio, where at the age of eighteen, she married. In 1866 she and her husband came to Michigan and settled on a farm about five miles north of Ionia. There they lived until death separated them. The last two years of her life she was with her daughter, Mrs. Colwell, in Lake Odessa. There her funeral service was held December 26, after which her remains were interred by the side of her husband's in Woodward Lake Cemetery, North Ionia. A beautiful memorial tribute was published in 1902 concerning her character, life and death.

## 26.

**Lucretia Webster (6)**, Lucretia 5, Elisha 4, Joseph 3, Joseph 2, John 1; b. April 5, 1825, in Hanover, (or Boston), N. Y.; m. June 1842, Loren Sprague; residence, Ionia, Mich.; farmer; d. Nov. 24, 1884.

### Children.

1. Austin Sprague (7), b. Sept. 14, 1843. **83.**
2. Eusebia Sprague (7), b. May 14, 1846; d. Dec. 29, 1896. **84.**
3. Lucretia Sprague (7), b. May 3, 1851. **85.**

Of Lucretia (Webster) Sprague (6), little is known. That little has been known to the writer for fifty years. There has been no addition to it except the following laconic statement by the hus-

band of one of her daughters, of whom information was sought. "Lucretia Sprague was like her mother, and my wife was just like them both." Knowing as we do the excellencies and high character of the two Lucretias, mother and grandmother, the conclusion is irresistible that the maker of the foregoing terse statement had a most excellent wife.

### 27.

Lieut Guy Webster (6) Lucretia 5, Elisha 4, Joseph 3, Joseph 2, John 1; b. Sept. 21, 1831 in Concord, N. Y.; m. June 9, 1854; (name of wife not known); d. July 19, 1865, in Ionia, Mich. · No children.

The following account of Lieut. Guy Webster (6) is taken from a local Michigan newspaper and shows the place he held in the community.

Death of Guy Webster, Esq., Ionia Mich. July 19, 1865.

It is with pain and regret that we record the accidental death of our esteemed friend and fellow citizen, Lieut. Guy Webster of Orleans. On Thursday afternoon while unloading hay he was instantly killed by the falling of a patent hay-fork, one tine of which penetrated his left breast near the heart. He was buried on Friday last with appropriate Masonic ceremonies, of which society he was an honored and useful member. Lieut. Webster enlisted as a private in the fall of 1861. By uniform good conduct and gallantry as a soldier he became 1st Lieutenant, leaving the service by reason of the expiration of his term of enlistment in October, 1864. As an officer Lieut. Webster was distinguished for fearless bravery, coolness and efficiency in all

details and duties of his calling. Whether on the march, in the camp, or on the field of battle, he was cheerful, active, and courageous. Thus he won alike the love and respect of his subordinates and the regard and confidence of his superiors. As a citizen he did honor to the community in which he lived. His loss is a sad one to all who knew him. In disposition, kind and amiable to a fault, yet he was ever a fearless advocate of the right on all political and moral questions. A kindly neighbor, a true Christian, an earnest Republican, a warm-hearted patriot, he wielded a mighty influence for good. His loss is not ours alone; the world will miss a true gentleman and our country a stout defender. His Epitaph reads:

“The earth that bears him dead,

“Bears not alive so kind a gentleman.”

Of him, a relative writes that he was six feet in height, well-formed, with dark hair and eyes, and a smile that won friends on every side,—that in the Civil War he served in the Cavalry, and that he participated in the battles of Iuka and Corinth, Miss., also in the heavy cavalry battle of Holly Springs in October, 1863, besides numerous affairs and skirmishes.

## 28.

**Elizabeth Mason Oviatt (6)**, Caroline, 5, Elisha 4, Joseph 3, Joseph 2, John 1; b. Oct. 25, 1823, in Washington, Conn.; m. March 27, 1844, Russell Gaius Reynolds; b. Nov. 1, 1814; d. June 10, 1897.

### Children.

1. Caroline Elizabeth Reynolds (7), b. Jan. 25, 1849.

2. Lillian R. Reynolds (7), b. July 12, 1854. **87.**
3. Howard Reynolds (7), b. May 19, 1868. **88.**

**29.**

Harriett Oviatt (6), Caroline 5, Elisha 4, Joseph 3, Joseph 2, John 1; b. July 27, 1826, in Washington, Conn.; m. May 31, 1847, Cyrus Clark; b. Feb. 20, 1819; d. Feb. 25, 1907, in Medina, Ohio.

**Children.**

1. Porter Oviatt Clark (7), b. June 12, 1851. **89.**
2. Frances R. Clark (7), b. Sept. 23, 1853; residence Medina, Ohio.
3. Arthur Lucius Clark (7), b. March 12, 1858. **90.**
4. Franklin Joshua Clark (7), b. March 24, 1860. **91.**

**30.**

Joshua Newell Oviatt (6), Caroline 5, Elisha 4, Joseph 3, Joseph 2, John 1; b. Oct. 27, 1832, in Washington, Conn.; m. Nov. 25, 1862, Martha McNary; residence W. Hartford, Conn.; business; farming, journalism.

**Children.**

1. Annie McNary Oviatt (7), b. Sept. 21, 1868.
2. Edward Mason Oviatt (7), b. Oct. 3, 1874; m. June 29, 1908, Madeleine V. Woodworth.

**31.**

Elisha Mason (6), Elijah 5, Elisha 4, Joseph 3, Joseph 2, John 1; b. June 4, 1826, in Ohio; m. Oct. 13, 1851, Emeline A. Peck; b. Nov. 17, 1829; d. Aug. 19, 1906; d. May 5, 1891, in Callao, Peru, South America.

**Children.**

1. Emma Adelaide (7), b. Jan. 10, 1854, in Litchfield, Conn. **92.**
2. Lillie Emeline (7), b. Aug. 23, 1857, in Northampton, Mass. **93.**
3. Elliott Bruce (7), b. April 12, 1864, in New Haven, Conn. **94.**

Elisha Mason (6), came from Ohio to Connecticut when a boy and made his home with his uncle in South Farms, now Morris. During and after his school days he worked at tailoring with his uncle. He afterwards plied his trade in Litchfield. But preferring out door life, he learned to be a carpenter and joiner. At this he worked for a time in Litchfield, Bantam, and also in Springfield, Mass. He then went to New Haven and was in the employ of the N.Y., N. H. & H. R. R. Co., as car constructor. In this he became an expert, He next engaged with Meiggs & Co., in a contract with the Peruvian Government, to run a railroad line from Callao to Lima, an ascent from the sea coast to the Upper Cordilleras, of about 15,000 feet in a hundred miles. He made occasional visits to his family in Connecticut for many years. Then tidings came of his death and burial in that foreign land. His only son, Bruce, has a newspaper clipping which reads as follows: "An American named Elisha Mason died in hospital here (Callao) 5th inst. (1891). He had been suffering from Virragas fever, for about a month. He was interred the following day in Bella Vista. The funeral was largely attended by the employees of the Oroya R. R. Co., where he had been employed. Deceased was 64 years of age and leaves a wife and family in Litchfield, Conn., U. S. A."

### 32.

**Cynthia Adaline Mason (6)**, Elijah 5, Elisha 4, Joseph 3, Joseph 2, John 1; b. about 1828; married in Oberlin, Ohio, Bela Farr, a student in the college in that town, and had three children born there, two sons and a daughter. The family continued in Oberlin until both

parents died within a few months of each other. The children disappeared soon after and the supposition is that they were taken South by relatives of the father who was of a Southern family. By the interruptions of the Civil War or other causes they and their descendants are lost to this record. Of the mother little is known and of the father still less.

**Children, born in Oberlin, Ohio.**

1. George Mason Farr (7), b. Sept. 15, 1854.
2. Joseph Bela Farr (7), b. April 12, 1858.
3. Anna C. Farr (7), b. June 10, 1861.

**33.**

Elijah F. Mason (6), Elijah 5, Elisha 4, Joseph 3, Joseph 2, John 1; b. Feb. 2, 1830; m. Aug. 22, 1861, Louis A. Cottrell, who died June 22, 1890; d. June 5, 1890, in California.

**Children, born near Sacramento, Cal.**

1. Clara (7), b. April 5 1867. **95.**
2. Nettie (7), b. June 16, 1871. **96.**
3. Charles (7), b. Sept. 25, 1872. **97.**
4. Ella (7), b. Oct. 24, 1874. **98.**
5. Edward (7), b. Nov. 20, 1876; d. Nov. 8, 1889.
6. Elijah (7), b. Feb. 21, 1878. **99.**
7. Alwin (7), b. May 17, 1882.

**34.**

Adelaide Demila Mason (6), Elijah 5, Elisha 4, Joseph 3 Joseph 2, John 1; b. May 14, 1834 in Cleveland, Ohio.; m. Feb. 14, 1856, Horton Lockwood Holcomb; b. April 6, 1816; d. Feb. 20, 1866.

**Children.**

1. Cora Lynn Holcomb (7), b. Jan. 16, 1857. **100.**
2. Arabella Holcomb (7), b. June 5, 1858. **101.**
3. Horton Lockwood Holcomb (7), b. July 10, 1859.
4. Frances Adelaide Holcomb (7), b. Jan. 18, 1862. **102.**
5. Bruce Mason Holcomb (7), b. Aug. 14, 1866. **103.**

## 35.

Joshua Mason (6), Joseph W., 5, Elisha 4, Joseph 3, Joseph 2, John 1; b. Dec. 5, 1831, in Morris, Conn.; d. Sept. 2, 1858, in Charleston, S. C.; not married.

Joshua Mason (6) was instructed in the tailor's trade by his father and his cousin Elisha Mason in the little shop at Morris, Conn. He was soon a skillful workman. He was for some time with a Mr. Hull of Litchfield, and then for several years was employed in New Haven. Still later, he went to the South and lived in Charleston, S. C. Soon afterwards he died there of yellow fever. Temporarily, he was interred in Charleston, but finally his body was brought home and placed in the family lot, East Cemetery. He was the only son of this family to reach manhood. He is said to have been of high character and refined tastes.

As a playmate of the writer he was very dear.

## 36.

Eloise M. Mason (6), Joseph W., 5, Elisha 4, Joseph 3, Joseph 2, John 1; b. Aug. 8, 1841, in Morris, Conn.; d. Oct. 29, 1904; not married.

Eloise M. Mason (6) spent her early life in Morris, except a period of teaching in Waterbury. Teaching was her life work. In it her ability and enthusiasm brought her eminent success. When it was too late, the discovery was made that she was physically, in a critical condition requiring the use of surgery. Promptly she arranged her affairs and heroically prepared for the result, whatever it might be. Her body, only, came back to Morris, Rev. F. W. Flet-



cher, her pastor, says of her: "Up to the time of her death she was at the head of the town library committee and had acted as librarian from the time of its organization. Every confidence was placed in her ability and skill both to care for the library and to select books for its shelves. I do not know that the idea of a town library originated with her, but I do know that it was her work and interest that made it a success. She is, perhaps, remembered best and most lovingly, as a teacher, in the public schools. So well did she impress her own personality upon the lives of her pupils that any testimony borne by them to her life, always reverts to her school teaching. They remember her as the teacher they honored and loved. The shock that her death brought to the entire community and the affecting memorial service held for her in the chapel, Sunday night, testify to the place she held in the hearts of the people of her native town."

### 37.

**Maria Mason** (6), Edwin 5, Elisha 4, Joseph 3, Joseph 2, John 1; b. Oct. 29, 1827, in Litchfield, Conn.; m. Sept. 27, 1849, John M. Nevins; b. April 26, 1826; d. Jan. 8, 1890; d. April 29, 1902.

#### Children, born in Hastings, Mich.

1. Ella Maria Nevins (7), b. Feb. 25, 1855; d. Oct. 1, 1855.
2. Morse Edwin Nevins (7), b. Sept. 9, 1856. **104.**
3. Eva Clarissa Nevins (7), b. May 4, 1859. **105.**
4. Anna Cynthia Nevins (7), b. Aug. 28, 1861 **106.**
5. Mason Cornelius Nevins (7), b. May 14, 1868. **107.**

Maria Mason (6) was born in the Chestnut Hill homestead, Litchfield. When about five years old she migrated with her parents to Michigan. There, as the extent of her educational opportunities, she attended a log-cabin school one and one half miles distant. She was married at her father's home in Richland, Kalamazoo Co., Mich. About three years later the young couple removed to Hastings, distant about thirty miles, and engaged in mercantile affairs. The house in which they first dwelt, changed and enlarged from time to time, was occupied by them during all their married life. The site of the old house is now occupied by a modern structure which is the home of one of their children. Mrs. Nevins and her husband were members of the Presbyterian church, for many years, sang in the choir and were active and useful in all church work.

(Mrs. C. C. Olmsted.)

### 38.

**Cornelius Mason (6)**, Edwin 5, Elisha 4, Joseph 3, Joseph 2, John 1; b. Sept. 29, 1829, in Litchfield, Conn.; m. March 3, 1851, Frances Slater; b. Dec. 29, 1833; d. June 26, 1881; m. Jan. 12, 1885, Maggie Gibson, b. 1850. Farmer retired.

#### Children.

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| 1  | Grace J. (7), b. Sept. 21, 1852.      | <b>108.</b> |
| 2. | Ida F. (7), b. April 14, 1854.        | <b>109.</b> |
| 3. | Mary A. (7), b. May 7, 1858.          | <b>110.</b> |
| 4. | Edwin S. (7), b. Aug. 30, 1862.       |             |
| 5. | Hobert Guy (7), b. July 18, 1864.     | <b>111.</b> |
| 6. | Edith Clarissa (7), b. Nov. 28, 1868. | <b>112.</b> |
| 7. | Bruce (7), b. Sept. 20, 1887.         |             |

## 39.

**Laura T. Mason (6)**, Edwin 5, Elisha 4, Joseph 3, Joseph 2, John 1; b. July 11, 1832, in Litchfield, Conn.; m. March 3, 1851, George Slater; d. Nov. 26, 1853.

## Child.

1. Mary Ophelia Slater (7), b. ——— d. ——— 1853.

## 40.

**Betsey Ann Mason (6)**, Edwin 5, Elisha 4, Joseph 3, Joseph 2, John 1; b. Dec. 28, 1841, in Richland, Mich.; m. May 5, 1864, Frank Storms; b. Jan. 25, 1845. Hardware merchant in Plainwell, Mich.

## Child.

1. Bernice Storms (7), b. March 10, 1873, at Plainwell, Mich. **113.**

## 41.

**Cornelia C. Mason (6)**, Edwin 5, Elisha 4, Joseph 3, Joseph 2, John 1; b. Dec. 26, 1846, in Richland, Mich.; m. Jan. 24, 1872, Martin B. Olmsted; b. Jan. 26, 1847; d. May 9, 1907, in Kalamazoo, Mich.

## Children.

1. Floyd Olmsted (7), b. Nov. 30, 1874, in Galesburg, Mich. **114.**
2. Porter Olmsted (7), b. Oct. 30, 1876; d. May 1, 1898.
3. Morse Olmsted (7), b. July 20, 1882.

## 42.

**George William Mason (6)**, Benj. W., 5, Elisha 4, Joseph 3, Joseph 2, John 1; b. Feb. 24, 1833, in Litchfield, Conn.; m. April 25, 1855, Julia Emeline Osborn; b. Aug. 19, 1833; Civil War veteran; retired farmer.

## Children.

1. Franklin Burr (7), b. March 7, 1857, in Litchfield, Conn. **115.**
2. Robert Goodwin (7), b. Oct. 9, 1860, d. Jan. 2, 1865.
3. Charlotte Elizabeth (7), b. Sept. 23, 1866, in Litchfield, Conn. **116.**
4. George Edwin (7), b. July 19, 1870, in Litchfield, Conn. **117.**

Before the death of a comrade and brother beloved, no thought of more than genealogical mention in these pages was entertained; but the event alluded to brought a new point of view. The roll of the surviving Veterans of the Civil War in this general family now numbers four. This number can not long be maintained. It is fitting, therefore, that the records of this book concerning the soldiers of the Civil War, present and Beyond, shall be here completed and closed together.

During the mid-summer of 1862 many people had anxious moments and serious thoughts. The President's call for 300,000 more men had come; and it fell like a mandate from the skies. The hamlets and villages furnished platoons; towns furnished companies; counties assembled regiments, and Litchfield County placed one of her very best upon the beautiful hill overlooking her county-seat and Bantam Lake; the identical spot on which, in 1720 the pioneer, Joseph Mason, built his cabin and dugged the well from which these soldiers drank while they were being briefly trained for the trade of war. The regiment was mustered into service September 11, 1862, and four days later started by rail for the defenses of Washington. In passing through Mary-

land, they plainly heard the enraged guns of both armies as they bore witness at South Mountain and Antietam that the anticipated invasion was an accomplished fact.

The regiment, being unarmed, was conveyed across the Potomac beyond Alexandria to replace seasoned troops just moved to the front. Hereabouts the regiment was detained, and trained in both infantry and artillery practice, for eighteen months.

In June, 1863, a detail of three officers and nine enlisted men was sent to Conscript Camp, New Haven, Conn., for permanent duty in connection with drafting and recruiting service. During this period the regiment (19th Infantry) was reorganized, and became a full artillery regiment, and renamed 2nd Conn. Heavy Artillery. The numbers and officers were greatly increased, and Corporal Mason, of the New Haven detail, was promoted to Quartermaster Sergeant of Company A. He had been for months in the adjutant's office in New Haven, writing muster-rolls in quadruplicate for the several detachments, and desiring a change, he applied by letter to the Secretary of War for relief and return to his regiment. This was no sooner accomplished than General Grant ordered the artillery regiments of the Defenses to take the field as infantry.

Joining the Army of the Potomac at Spottsylvania the day after General Sedgwick fell (to whose corps the 2nd Conn. Heavy Artillery was assigned), the regiment participated in whatever occurred until Appomatox Court House was reached.

But Cold Harbor (June 1st) closed Sergeant Mason's relations with the Army of the Potomac, and in the fatal charge of the 2nd Connecticut Heavy Artillery, which went in 1800 strong over the first line of Longstreet's works, only to be cut down like grass before the second line (in dense woods), he was severely wounded in the head, and wellnigh died from loss of blood. Six months were required for a renewal of health and strength.

July 8, 1864, he received a commission as Captain and A. Q. M. U. S. Vols. On reporting for duty December 1st, he was ordered to report to General Ingalls, Chief Q. M., Army of the Potomac, at City Point, and he was given charge of a brigade train connected with General Terry's command, then at Wilmington, N. C. On the approach of General Sherman's army, the commands of Generals Terry and Schofield moved on to Goldsboro. While moving northward in pursuit of Johnston, a severe engagement took place at Bentonville. Then came Johnston's surrender and the Grand Review of all these armies at Raleigh, after which they made their way across country to Washington, by way of Richmond.

After about six months' service in disposing of government property and affairs, quartermasters were ordered to report to the Quartermaster General's office at Washington from their several places of residence, which was done, in this case, about mid-November.

The years following the war he has spent chiefly in agricultural pursuits in his native town, where he

has filled various offices of public trust. Since 1904 he, with his life partner of fifty years has lived the life of retirement so well earned.

### 43.

**Charles Hubert Mason (6)**, Benj. W., 5, Elisha 4, Joseph 3, Joseph 2, John 1; b. April 7, 1835, in Litchfield, Conn.; m. May 6, 1857, Phinette Herschel Ford; b. July 18, 1833; d. March 4, 1894; d. May 30, 1897.

Charles Hubert Mason (6) was the strong boy of the family and in his early years at home had ample opportunity to show it. At about the age of eighteen years, being already a master of farm work, he became working manager of the farm owned by Capt. Taylor Mitchell, in Washington, Conn., with whom he continued four or five years. He then married, but made Washington his permanent home. Commencing business with his wife's father, Mr. Nelson Ford, he soon purchased tracts of land near by, thereby greatly enlarging the farm and making it of considerable importance. He was soon drawn into public affairs and for many years was select man and a member of the various town boards.. He represented the town in the General Assembly of 1878. At one time he was treasurer of the State Grange. He was prominent in the local Order of Patrons of Husbandry and in the Masonic Fraternity. In both these orders he served as Master. He was a member of the Congregational church from his youth to the end of his life. His character was irreproachable. He was a true friend, a wise counselor and filled a large place in the community. His robust manliness conjoined with his kindly

sympathy and ready helpfulness, will not soon be forgotten by those who knew him. With some—never.

#### Child.

1. Louis Adelbert Mason (7), b. Jan. 18, 1864, in Washington, Conn. 118.

#### 44.

**Ebenezer Porter Mason (6)**, Benj. W., 5, Elisha 4, Joseph 3, Joseph 2, John 1; b. July 13, 1841, in Litchfield, Conn.; m. Dec. 3, 1877, Jeannie Ames Sprague, who died Dec. 18, 1887. Veteran Civil War. Died March 4, 1911.

E. Porter Mason, the third son of Benjamin W., was for the larger part of his life the absent member of the family. He left the ancestral home at the age of 16 years, going to New Haven, Conn., as clerk in a mercantile house, and at the call of President Lincoln in the spring of 1861, his name was entered at Hartford, Conn., as private in Co. A, 4th Conn. Vols., and he is on record as the first name enlisted for three years, or during the war. He served with more than ordinary activity in all the marches and countermarches of the Army of the Potomac, and was promoted to various responsible positions, a list of which speaks volumes for the confidence of his superiors in his versatility and ability. May 13th, 1864, he was assigned to the staff of General Robert O. Tyler, commanding a division in Hancock's 2nd Corps, and when General Tyler was wounded at Cold Harbor, June 3rd, 1864, he accompanied him to Washington, and gave the first infor-



mation of affairs at the front, all telegraphic connection having been cut, by order of General Grant. He was retained by General Tyler, as a personal member of his staff, to which he was entitled while on sick leave; later returning to his regiment in front of Petersburg, Va., where he was assigned to the command of a four-gun battery in "Fort Hell," and later to the command of Battery Sawyer (Crow's Nest Battery) on the James River, Virginia, as First Lieutenant, November 4th, 1864, where he did masterly service. His last military service was as aide to General Tyler, at the review of the Connecticut State Militia, at the inauguration of Governor Buckingham, in May, 1865. March 13th, 1865, he was brevetted Captain of United States Volunteers, for meritorious service, and June 1st, 1865, was honorably discharged for physical disability and because his services were no longer needed, after serving for over four years.

After his discharge, he engaged in the clothing business in Milwaukee, Wis., Boston and New York, and for the last 18 years of his life he was with R. G. Dun & Co., Philadelphia, in charge of a department relating to trust, banking and financial interests.

Captain Mason was a member of the Loyal Legion and of the Seth F. Plumb Post, G. A. R., in Litchfield, Conn., where is a fitting memorial of his record in the Civil War. He was for years a consistent member of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

E. Porter Mason was favored by nature with a personal presence and address at once attractive and impressive. He possessed in an unusual degree the rare combination of strength and gentleness.

Strong as a lion when roused, his normal mood was one of grace and tenderness. As expressed by one who was in daily business with him for many of his later years, "Here was a man." There are few names in the family roster on which posterity may look with greater respect and admiration.

#### 45.

Edward Benjamin Mason (6), Benj. W. 5, Elisha 4, Joseph 3, Joseph 2, John 1; b. May 4, 1846 in Litchfield, Conn.; m. May 11, 1871, Adelaide Crandall (6), April 11, 1849.

#### Child.

1. Susan (7), b. July 28, 1872.

#### 46.

Lucy Margaret Kasson (7), see No. 15; b. Feb. 24, 1832, in Bethlehem, Conn.; m. Aug. 16, 1864, Daniel C. Churchill who died Sept. 6, 1878; d. May 30, 1892.

#### Children, born in Northfield, Conn.

1. Gertrude Charlotte Churchill (8), b. Feb. 3, 1867. **119.**
2. John Kasson Churchill (8), b. July 15, 1868; d. May, 1892.
3. Anna Lucretia Churchill (8), b. Sept. 24, 1870. **120.**
4. Carrie Maud Churchill (8), b. March 20, 1872.
5. Elizabeth Kasson Churchill (8), b. Aug. 1, 1874. **121.**

#### 47.

Eleanor Maria Kasson (7), see No. 15; b. Aug. 5, 1834, in Bethlehem, Conn.; m. June 21, 1857, Martin Mallory, who died May 7, 1885.

**Children.**

1. Edna Mallory (8), b. March 27, 1859, in Bridgewater, Conn. **122.**
2. Robert Clinton Mallory (8), b. Jan. 28, 1864, in Bridgewater, Conn. **123.**
3. Edith Mae Mallory (8), b. May 2, 1866, in Bridgewater, Conn.

**48.**

**Deborah McCall Kasson**, see No. 15; b. June 10, 1838, in Bethlehem, Conn.; m. Nov. 29, 1867, Horace K. Sanford. of Bridgewater, Conn., who died Sept. 5, 1899. She d. Oct. 11, 1908.

**Children.**

1. Genevieve Thekla Sanford (8), b. March 18, 1872, in Bridgewater, Conn. **124.**
2. Henry Clarence Sanford (8), b. April 16, 1875.
3. Mabel Florence Sanford (8), b. April 29, 1879.

**49.**

**Ralph Wilbur Kasson (7)**, see No. 16; b. Jan. 21, 1848, in Bethlehem, Conn.; m. May 27, 1870, Mary E. Cramp. He is engaged in the insurance business at Albany, N. Y.

**50.**

**Elizabeeth Hull Kasson (7)**, see No. 15; b. July 4, 1850, in Bethlehem, Conn.; m. Jan. 1, 1879, Samuel P. Hayes. She d. March 21, 1902.

**51.**

**William Turner Kasson (7)**, see No. 15; b. Feb. 20, 1854, in Bethlehem, Conn.; m. Oct. 16, 1884, Ina Allen, She d. Oct. 4, 1890; m. Sept. 4, 1907, Edythe Ida Handrick. Resides in Colorado Springs, Col.

**Child.**

1. Mary Ina Kasson (8), b. Nov. 18, 1885.

**52.**

**Sergt Fitz Green Hollister (7)**, see No. 16; b. April 17, 1837, in Washington, Conn.; d. June 15, 1864, near Petersburg, Va., not married.

Fitz Green Hollister was ready when his country called. He was mustered into service Sept. 21, 1861, in the 8th Regt. U. S. Vol. Inf., at Hartford; was promoted Corporal Oct. 11, 1863; reenlisted at Portsmouth, Va., on December 24th of the same year; was promoted to Sergeant Feb. 12, 1864. He took part in the battles of Newburn and siege of Fort Macon in North Carolina; also was in the battles at Fredericksburg, Cold Harbor, Bermuda Hundred, Watt-hall Junction, Drury's Bluff and many lesser engagements. In all of them he followed the flag unflinchingly and at last fell in the advance on Petersburg, Va., June 15, 1864. His body was sent home by his comrades in arms and, on the day of the funeral, was borne to the church where a discourse was delivered by Rev. Dr. Murdock, of New Milford, from the text "How are the mighty fallen!" The vast concourse of people present seemed to sigh, "How indeed!" In "Connecticut during the Rebellion" his regimental chaplain says of him, "Sergt. Hollister was as worthy a man as ever graced the ranks of the Eighth Regiment. He was diffident and retiring," but intelligent and influential. He was faithful to God and Country, even unto death." He went forth from one of the most intelligent homes in New England, where through all

the years, the movement of events, which led to the clash of arms, had been noted, and fell in the struggle, just as the daylight of final victory was dawning.

### 53.

**Corp. Leonard Pierpont (7)**, see No. 17; b. May 15, 1842, in Morris, Conn.; d. July 16, 1865, in Galveston, Texas; not married.

Leonard Pierpont (7) enlisted in Co. K, 76th Vol. Inf. (Illinois) in August 1862. The Regiment, after being mustered in, was ordered to Columbus for drill. Oct. 4, 1862, the Regiment joined General Grant in Tennessee and went with him in the campaign along the Mississippi Central R. R. Corporal Pierpont was in the entire siege of Vicksburg; then his command moved on Jackson under General Sherman; and in May, following with General MeArthur, it was engaged in the battles of Yazoo City, Benton, Vaughn Station, and Deaconsville. Under General Slocum it fought several fierce battles.

In one instance it was cut off from the column but cut its way through with a loss of 102 men. The next month the Regiment was at Port Hudson. In January, 1865, it was in New Orleans and at last participated in the battle of Fort Blakely, Mobile, April 9, 1865, the very day of General Lee's surrender at Appomattox Court House, Virginia. Here the Regiment suffered severely, losing 118 men out of 362. The Regiment traveled 12,000 miles and campaigned in eight Confederate States. It started 1,000 strong, had 156 recruits, making a total of

1,156 men. At the end of the war it had been reduced to about 300. In it all, Corp. Pierpont escaped. In thirty-five months' service he was only off duty two weeks, from illness. It will be remembered that after the surrender of General Johnston's forces in North Carolina, General Sheridan gathered an army at Galveston, Texas, to invite the French Army in Mexico to go home. They hastened to do so. Here after escaping many perils Corp. Pierpont died, just four days before his Regiment started for the North and home.

(Mrs. J. N. P., chiefly.)

51.

**Walter Pierpont (7)**, see No. 17; b. Sept. 9, 1843, in Morris, Conn; d. June 1, 1864, at Ashland Station, Va.

Walter Pierpont was favorably situated in New Haven, Conn., when he enlisted in the 1st Connecticut Cavalry, Col. Erastus Blakeslee commanding. This Regiment served in the Army of Virginia and was in General Sheridan's raid around General Lee's army; starting May 8th at Spottsylvania and cutting through between Lee and Richmond and encountering and defeating the Confederate cavalry under Gen. J. E. B. Stuart, who was there killed. There was vigorous fighting all the way until General Sheridan rejoined General Grant near Chesterfield. Here the "yellow jackets" of the 1st Connecticut Cavalry met the 2d Connecticut Heavy Artillery on the road, and spent with them an hour or two of good cheer: June 1, 1864,—that day of carnage and repulse, in the shock of the contending armies,

Walter Pierpont fell. He was killed at Ashland Station, across the Chickahominy of the R. F. & P. R. R., north of Richmond. His cousin Sergt. Hollister, having survived the fearful ordeal at Cold Harbor, fell at Petersburg just fifteen days later.

### 55.

**Edward Sherman Pierpont (7)**, see No. 17; b. Nov. 22, 1844, in Morris Conn.; a. April 9, 1865, at Mobile, Alabama; not married.

Edward Sherman Pierpont "was in the 8th Illinois Vol. Inf., for the war. He was killed in its last battle at Fort Blakeley, Mobile Harbor, April 9, 1865." This is the laconic story. It is the date which adds sadness to it, for it was on this morning of the very day the Confederacy collapsed at Appomattox Court House, Va., and Fort Blakeley would have fallen without a blow. As it was, many a young life was lost there, and many homes were filled with grief.

These three (Nos. 53, 54, 55), sons of one mother, early gained a place in the Temple of Honor. They did what they could for their country and sealed their devotion with their lives.

### 56.

**J. Newton Pierpont (7)**, see No. 17; b. Feb. 6, 1847, in Morris, Conn.; m. Oct. 12, 1875, Esther E. Pratt, who died Oct. 10, 1885; m. Dec. 29, 1891, Carrie M. Holbrook. He is a hardware merchant, and has plumbing and heating business; resides at New Haven, Conn.; house, 1501 Chapel St.

### Child.

1. Charlotte Cynthia Pierpont (8), b. Nov. 30, 1877.

**57.**

**Mary Hooker Pierpont (7)**, see No. 17; b. March 30, 1849, in Morris, Conn.; m. Oct. 10, 1872, Henry C. Hall, who died Jan. 18, 1908. Resides in Illinois.

**Children.**

1. Clara W. Hall (8), b. Oct. 2, 1874, d. May 24, 1880.
2. May Turner Hall (8), b. Feb. 1, 1877; m. **George Shaw**, Dec. 29, 1899. **125.**
3. Bertha Melvina Hall (8), b. June 23, 1879.
4. Edith Pierpont Hall (8), b. April 24, 1882.
5. Henry Pierpont Hall (8), b. June 14, 1885; d. Feb. 26, 1907.

**58.**

**Lucy Pierpont (7)**, see No. 17; b. Jan. 20, 1853, in Morris, Conn.; m. Jan. 23, 1884, W. Carey Foley. Resides in Illinois, near Gibson City.

**Children.**

1. Mary Esther Foley (8), b. Oct. 23, 1885, d. Sept. 28, 1893.
2. Leonard Burnside Foley (8), b. Oct. 18, 1887.
3. Vera Pierpont Foley (8), b. March 13, 1893.

**59.**

**James Pierpont (7)**, see No. 17; b. Oct 22, 1855, in Morris, Conn.; m. Dec. 5, 1900, Bertha A. Yackee. Resides in Illinois.

**60.**

**John Pierpont (7)**, see No. 17; b. Oct. 22, 1855, in Morris, Conn.; m. Feb. 19, 1885, Mattie H. Foley. Resides in Illinois.

**61.**

**William Jay Turner (7)**, see No. 18; b. May 21, 1862, at West Stockbridge, Mass.; m. Aug. 15, 1888, Nellie C. Dowd, she d. abt. 1908-9 in Col.; d. Oct. 3, 1891.



## Child.

1. Annie Laura Turner (8), b. April 17, 1891, at Valparaiso, Ind.

## 62.

Eva Maria Turner (7), see No. 19; b. May 12, 1852, at Charles City, Iowa; m. Sept. 28, 1875, Asaph B. Brown, who was born March 12, 1845.

## 63.

Carrie Turner (7), see No. 19; b. July 8, 1858, in Winsted, Conn.; m. ———, Albert His, of Switzerland; d. Oct. 12, 1897.

## Child.

1. Constance Madaline His (8), b. July 23, 1888; resides in Basle, Switzerland.

## 64.

Mary Humphrey (7) see No. 20; b. Sept. 8, 1846, in Norfolk, Conn.; m. Sept. 16, 1880, Rev. Richard H. Gidman; d. March 23, 1906, in Preston City, Conn.

## 65.

Robert Phelps Humphrey, see No. 20; b. March 28, 1851, in Norfolk, Conn.; m. Jan. 23, 1884, Alice E. Corbin. Residence, Ft. Scott, Ark., and is engaged in the lumber business.

## 66.

John Humphrey, see No. 20; b. July 2, 1853, in Norfolk, Conn.; m. April 29, 1891, Katherine M. Isham, Residence, New London, Conn.; Druggist.

## 67.

Stephen Mason Haskell (7), see No. 22; b. Oct. 14, 1850, in Marshall, Mich.; m. June 6, 1877, Nellie Nixon. He is Superintendent of Port Huron Copper Mines.

## Child.

1. Ethel Marguerite Haskell (8), b. Oct. 3, 1881; d. Oct. 15, 1894.

## 68.

Henry Marsh Haskell, (7), see No. 22; b. Oct. 25, 1852, in Marshall, Mich.; m. Oct. 11, 1883, Emily Dusenbury, who was born Dec. 27, 1852. He is a physician and orange grower in Redlands, California.

## Children.

1. Robert Mason Haskell (6), b. Dec. 27, 1886.
2. Walter Newberry Haskell (8), b. May 25, 1892.

## 69.

Mary Catherine Haskell (7), see No. 22; b. Sept. 8, 1856, in Marshall, Mich.; m. Feb. 27, 1833, Newberry J. Howe; b. March 22, 1856. He was a lawyer in Delphi, Ind.; who died May 19, 1908.

## 70.

William Lincoln Haskell (7), see No. 22; b. Aug. 10, 1864, in Marshall, Mich.; m. June 12, 1889, Suzzette Aris Copeland; b. Feb. 19, 1864. He is an artist and resides in Chicago.

## 71.

Lucretia Alsina Abbott (7), see No. 23; b. May 10, 1835; m. Dec. 25, 1853, Curtis Newton; b. May 8, 1825; d. May 29, 1891.

## Children.

1. George Newton (8), b. Oct. 5, 1857; d. June 5, 1858.
2. Charles Newton (8), b. April 3, 1859.
3. Guy Newton (8), b. Sept. 5, 1861.
4. John Newton (8), b. April 18, 1863.
5. Lillie Newton (8), b. May 16, 1869.
6. Charles Newton (8), b. April 3, 1871.

**72.**

Caroline M. Abbott (7), see No. 23; b. May 19, 1839; m. Dec. 25, 1857, George Holt; b. Aug. 9, 1835; d. April 9, 1879.

**Children.**

1. Ida M. Holt (8), b. Oct. 5, 1865; d. May 29, 1888.
2. Effie L. Holt (8), b. July 15, 1871; d. March 4, 1892.

**73.**

Louisa E. Abbott (7), see No. 23; b. July 24, 1842; m. Nov. 8, 1869, Reuben J. Dye; b. Oct. 11, 1820; d. Dec. 23, 1891.

**Child.**

- 1 Avery J. Dye (8), b. Feb. 16, 1873; d. Dec. 20, 1893.

**74.**

Webster W. Abbott (7), see No. 23; b. April 27, 1844; m. Jan. 1, 1880, Ella V. Baker; b. July 10, 1856.

**Children.**

1. Mabel L. Abbott (8), b. May 27, 1881.
2. Leora R. Abbott (8), b. Sept. 26, 1883.
3. Alsie L. Abbott (8), b. Nov. 12, 1885.
4. Clarence B. Abbott (8), b. Dec. 23, 1891.
5. Veryl G. Abbott (8), b. March 9, 1897.

**75.**

Betsey E. Abbott (7), see No. 23; b. Jan. 31, 1846; m. June 28, 1881, Henry Murrey; b. Oct. 20, 1832.

**Child.**

1. Maude Murrey (8), b. May 27, 1883; d. Sept. 1, 1903.

**76.**

**Marcia A. Abbott (7)**, see No. 23; b. July 28, 1848; m. June 28, 1871, James Russell; b. March 1, 1848.

**Child.**

1. Orlo A. Russell (8), b. Jan. 18, 1874; d. Sept. 12, 1906.

**77.**

**Anna A. L. Abbott (7)**, see No. 23; b. April 28, 1853; m. March 24, 1880, William H. Corah; b. Feb. 16, 1855. Home, East Aurora, N. Y.

**Child.**

1. Lillian Louisa Corah (8), b. Jan. 24, 1881; d. May. 16, 1882.

**78.**

**Sylvester E. Abbott (7)**, see No. 23; b. April 19, 1856; m. April 7, 1880, Ida M. Graves; b. Jan. 10, 1862.

**Children.**

1. Eva L. Abbott (8), b. March 10, 1881.
2. Grace C. Abbott (8), b. Feb. 26, 1883; d. March 10, 1903.
3. Margery Abbott (8), b. March 4, 1893.
4. Harvey B. Abbott (8), b. March 4, 1893.
5. Hazel Abbott (8), b. Aug 16, 1895.
6. Nelson Abbott (8), b. Nov. 14, 1897.
7. Sidney Abbott (8), b. Aug 11, 1899.

**79.**

**Josiah D. Emerson (7)**, see No. 24; b. May 19, 1840, m. Dec. 22, 1864, Mary Allen; b. March 29, 1843. Captain and Veteran in Civil War. Residence, Bellefontaine, Ohio.

## Children.

1. Charles A. Emerson (8), b. July 9, 1868; m. May 6, 1899, Ethel Detrick; b. 1876.
2. Guy Emerson (8), b. March 24, 1872; d. Dec. 12, 1874.
3. Dixie Emerson (8), b. Sept. 20, 1877; m. Oct. 17, 1899, to F. C. Spittle; d. Aug. 30, 1909.
4. Willie Emerson (8), b. Feb. 20, 1882; d. Dec. 5, 1882.

The subject of this sketch, when seventeen years of age, left his father's farm in Logan County, Ohio, to attend school. For three years he studied, taught, and dreamed. When the Rebellion came he enlisted as a private soldier to help make up Abraham Lincoln's first call for 75,000 men. Within five days after the firing on Fort Sumter a company of students, 140 strong, had enlisted, but over the protest of the president of the college, were not accepted. William H. Wallace and Josiah Emerson were the first two to go to the president to get excused from school to go to war. Wallace was killed at Gettysburg, but the subject of our sketch ran across the historic wheat-field, and still lives. He enlisted for three months, but later enlisted for three years. He was in McClellan's great army organization, and helped to build Fort Woodbury. The next spring they moved out to fight an enemy that was not there!

They marched back to Alexandria, took boats down the Potomac to Hampton, and thence marched to Yorktown. From there on, it was a continuous series of engagements, but we will mention only a few of them: Malvern Hill, Harrison's Landing,

Bull Run, Antietam, Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, Culpepper, Wilderness and Laurel Hill.

He was shot through the hip at Laurel Hill, and stopped fighting for a time. At Gains' Mill he was shot through the shoulder, and when discharged from the hospital went back to his old regiment and took up his commission of second lieutenant. He was quickly promoted to first lieutenant, and took command at once. On the third day at Gettysburg he was given command of his old company, E, which he held until he fell again in front of Spottsylvania, May 8, 1864. In June, 1864, he was mustered out of service, and in December of the same year was married to Miss Mary Allen, of Ohio. The following year he began the study of law in Cincinnati, later entering the Law School. Soon afterward he went back to Michigan to sell his property, and was there induced to run for Sheriff. Declining a second term, he went on to Kansas City, where he found a good opportunity to cut timber into ties and lumber for railroads. Later, he lived for five years in the new town of Independence, Kansas, where he served as Probate Judge and City Clerk, and practiced law. From that place he went to Louisiana, where for eight years he owned the mail route between Shreveport and Munroe, a distance of 116 miles.

He now lives in Bellefontaine, Ohio, of which place he was made Mayor in 1896. Since that time he has been very lame, not having taken a step for eleven years.

“Mary D. Emerson Spittle, daughter of Captain and Mrs. J. D. Emerson, was born in Mendon,

Louisiana, September 20th, 1877, where her father was connected with the mail service in Louisiana and Texas. Owing to her having been born in the South she was called "Dixie," and many of her nearest friends knew her only by this name. She attended Bellefontaine public schools, acquiring a thorough knowledge of the branches in which she studied. Later, she attended Oxford College, making a special study in instrumental music, and upon her return home, devoted much time to piano and pipe organ, both of which instruments she handled with professional skill. Mrs. Spittle was a leader among the musicians of the city. She was organist for many years at the Presbyterian Church and her services upon occasions where classical musical programs were rendered were much desired, owing to her popularity as an accompanist and instrumental soloist. She was a member of the Presbyterian Church.

"Mary Douglas Emerson was united in marriage October 17, 1899, to Fred C. Spittle. Their wedded life had been a most congenial one. No couple ever found greater happiness in each other's presence, and hence no blow could fall with greater force upon the husband, now bereft of his life's companion.

"Besides the husband, Mrs. Spittle is survived by her father and mother, with whom she made her home, and one brother, Dr. Charles A. Emerson, of Toledo. Mrs. Spittle's death removed the central figure of a happy family. She was the pride of the home circle in which she moved and those who depended upon her presence for their daily store of happiness sit today in deepest grief."

The above was quoted from a Bellefontaine, Ohio, paper of August 31st, 1909.

### 80.

**Edgar Douglas Rickey (7)**, see No. 25; b. Dec. 19, 1838, Carlisle, Lorain County, Ohio; m. March 2, 1862, Nancy Fish; b. Oct. 6, 1838. He is a Civil War Veteran; farmer; residence, Rocky, Oklahoma.

### Children.

1. William Edgar Rickey (8), b. Aug. 5, 1864. 126.
2. Burr Allen Rickey (8), b. Oct. 8, 1866. 127.
3. Fanny Eliza Rickey (8), b. Dec. 19, 1870. 128.
4. Edwin Henry Rickey (8), b. Nov. 6, 1879; d. Aug. 16, 1887.
5. Margaret Alice Rickey (8), b. July 21, 1883; Lonoke County, Ark.

Edgar D. Rickey served in the 178th Ohio Vol. Infantry, Co. D, 1st Division, 3rd Brigade, 23rd Army Corps, under Generals Thomas and Millroy at Nashville and Murfreesboro on detached duty. He went to war in August, 1864, and served until the close. He was in Washington on the way to his regiment at Charlotte, N. C., at the time of the advance of the Army of the Potomac into Washington, but was not at the review. He has always been a farmer, excepting while he was a soldier.

### 81.

**Edwin Ruthven Rickey (7)**, see No. 25; b. Jan. 31, 1842, in Orleans, Mich; m. June 26, 1877, Jennie E. Woods; b. April 3, 1855. Captain and Veteran of the Civil War; farmer; residence, Rocky, Oklahoma.



## Children.

1. Edna Alice Rickey (8), b. Sept. 1, 1878. 129.
2. W. E. Rickey, b. July 3, 1881.
3. L. Maude Rickey (8), b. April 1, 1889.

Edwin R. Rickey enlisted at the first call for 75,000 men with the 178th Ohio Vol. Infantry, and his brother, Edgar D. Rickey, served in the same company. He remained until the close of the war and was promoted to first ranking captain in his regiment. He also formed a part of the Mississippi Marine Brigade that was organized to break up the guerrilla bands that interfered with travel on the Mississippi River.

## 82.

Alice M. Rickey (7), see No. 25; b. Nov. 5, 1843; in Carlisle, O., m. Oct. 23, 1867, Alanson Cornell; b. Dec. 29, 1830; d. Aug. 25, 1872; m. Oct. 15, 1873, Eugene F. Colwell; b. May 26, 1828; d. Feb. 1, 1898.

## Children.

1. Guy Webster Cornell (8), b. July 30, 1868; d. Feb. 19, 1869.
2. Mary Eva Cornell (8), b. Nov. 18, 1870. 130.

## 82½

Eva Jane Rickey, b. June 12, 1848; m. Nov., 1868, Luther E. Hall; d. June, 1870.

3. Raymond A. Colwell (8), b. Feb. 26, 1877. 131.
4. Frank R. Colwell (8), b. May 18, 1879; d. May 19, 1879.

## 83.

Austin Sprague (7), see No. 26; b. Sept. 14, 1843; m. Sept. 6, 1871, M. Ettie Meach; d. April 4, 1889. He was a Veteran of the Civil War.

**Children.**

1. Walter L. Sprague (8), b. Dec. 8, 1874.
2. Nora M. Sprague (8), b. April 4, 1876.
3. Cellie Sprague (8), b. March 4, 1878.

Austin Sprague (7), only son of Lucretia Webster Sprague was a soldier of the Civil War. His army comrade and future brother-in-law, William P. Lunn, having furnished the only information obtainable, is included in this article on their soldier-life. They enlisted the same day, Aug. 5, 1862, in the same company of the same regiment, and were each nineteen years old. They served through the war and were each discharged with the regiment, June 3, 1865, at Washington, D. C., having served in the battles of Perryville, Ky.; Stone River, Chicamauga, Avery's Bow, Bentonville, and many other engagements in Tennessee, Georgia and the Carolinas in Gen. Sherman's "March to the Sea," and his swoop upon Gen. Joe Johnston and his army beyond Raleigh, N. C. What these years of campaigning mean, over such stretches of space, in all conditions of weather and supplies, in the face of a determined foe, must be read between the lines or drawn from the imagination; but it cannot be given here. These hardy Michigan boys went through it all, and only when the foe surrendered did they turn their faces homeward. After the Great Reviews at Releigh and Washington of the wasted but still mighty armies of the Republic, all who had worn the Blue melted as the snow, into the pursuits of peaceful life.

**84.**

Eusebia Sprague (7), see No. 26; b. May 14, 1846; m. June 24, 1868, William P. Lunn; b. Sept. 30, 1842;

d. Dec. 29, 1896. Her husband is a Civil War veteran; farmer; residence Ionia, Mich.

**Children.**

1. Guy W. Lunn (8), b. Jan. 25, 1872. **133.**
2. Ernest Lunn (8), b. June 23, 1874. **134.**
3. Bertha Lunn (8), b. Sept. 21, 1884.

**85.**

**Lucretia Sprague (7)**, see No. 26; b. May 3, 1851; m. 1875, William W. Sage, b. Oct. 11, 1841.

**Children.**

1. Edna Sage (8), b. Feb. 3, 1876. **135.**
2. Clyde Sage (8), b. March 29, 1878.
3. Effie May Sage (8), b. Aug. 21, 1881. **136.**
4. Eusebia Sage (8), b. Sept. 5, 1885. **137.**
5. Lulu Sage (8), b. Oct. 30, 1885.
6. Ruby Sage (8), b. Jan. 3, 1889.
7. Pearl Sage (8), b. March 2, 1890.
8. Leta Sagve (8), b. Dec. 5, 1896.

**86.**

**Caroline Elizabeth Reynolds (7)**, see No. 28; b. Jan. 25, 1849; m. March 27, 1872, Dr. Frank H. Thomas, b. May, 1848.

**Child.**

1. Marie Louise Thomas (8), b. Dec. 17, 1872. **138.**

**87.**

**Lillian Mason Reynolds (7)**, see No 28; b. July 12, 1854; m. June 30, 1883, Wellington F. Smart; b. Jan. 13, 1851. Residence, Winchester and Boston, Mass. N. Eng. Mgr. R. Hoe & Co., of N. Y. City.

**Children.**

1. Thomas Vera Smart, b. March 31, 1888; d. Aug. 5, 1891.
2. Ruth Smart (8), b. Sept. 20, 1889.
3. Hazel Smart (8), b. Aug. 14, 1892.

**88.**

**Howard Reynolds (7)**, see No. 28; b. May 19, 1868; m. June 28, 1899, Charlotte Elizabeth Mason, b. Sept. 23, 1866. He is a representative of R. Hoe & Co., of N. Y. City.

**Children.**

1. Paul Howard Reynolds (8), b. July 11, 1905.
2. Philip Mason Reynolds (8), b. July 23, 1906.

**89.**

**Porter Oviatt Clark (7)**, see No. 29; b. June 12, 1851; in Medina, Ohio; m. March 5, 1891, Alicia Witter. Resides in Medina, Ohio.

**Children.**

1. Arthur Seymour Clark (8), b. Sept. 28, 1892.
2. Howard Cyrus Clark (8), b. Dec. 7, 1893.
3. Harriet Emily Clark (8), b. Feb. 6, 1895.
4. Eleanor Elizabeth Clark (8), b. June 22, 1900.
5. Mary Alicia Clark (8), b. May 1, 1903.

**90.**

**Arthur Lucius Clark (7)**, see No. 29; b. March 12, 1858, in Medina, Ohio; m. Aug. 9, 1881, Kate J. Miller, who died Feb. 2, 1887; m. June 3, 1890, Jennie L. Hallett, b. Feb. 3, 1863. He is a merchant and banker. Residence, Winsted, Conn.

**Children.**

1. Helen Louise Clark (8), b. Sept. 25, 1893.
2. Hallett Franklin Clark (8), b. July 31, 1896.

**91.**

**Franklin Joshua Clark (7)**, see No. 29; b. March 24, 1860, in Medina, Ohio; m. March 23, 1887, Bertha Warner, b. May 17, 1860. Resides in Medina.

**Children.**

1. Katharine Clark (8), b. Jan. 16, 1888.
2. Walter R. Clark (8), b. Oct. 7, 1889.
3. Franklin W. Clark (8), b. Sept. 16, 1891.
4. Marjory Clark (8), b. Nov. 15, 1893.

**92.**

**Emma Adelaide Mason (7)**, see No. 31; b. Jan. 10, 1854, in Litchfield, Conn.; m. Nov. 8, 1882, Frank A. Shepard, b. 1853, who d. Jan. 25, 1901; d. March 2, 1909.

**Child.**

1. Lela A. Shepard (8), b. Nov. 11, 1883; d. April 26, 1897.

**93.**

**Lillie Emeline Mason (7)**, see No. 31; b. Aug. 23, 1856, in Northampton, Mass.; m. Feb. 19, 1883, William A. Strong; residence, Brooklyn, N. Y.

**Child.**

1. Clarence Mason Strong (8), b. April 13, 1884.

**94.**

**Elliott Bruce Mason (7)**, see No. 31; b. April 12, 1864, in New Haven, Conn.; m. March 31, 1891, Mary E. Marsh, b. May 12, 1865. Farmer; resides in Litchfield, Conn.

**95.**

**Clara Mason (7)**, see No. 33; b. April 5, 1867, in Sacramento, Cal.; m. Feb. 14, 1891, T. B. Misley.

**Children.**

1. Hazel Adele Misley (8), b. Feb. 14, 1892.
2. Bud Misley (8), b. Feb. 22, 1896.

**96.**

**Nettie Mason (7)**, see No. 33; b. June 16, 1871, in Sacramento, Cal.; m. March 17, 1894, Schuyler Mitchell.

**Child.**

1. Alice Mitchell (8), b. April 12, 1895.

**97.**

**Charles Mason (7)**, see No. 33; b. Sept. 25, 1872, in Sacramento, Cal.; m. April 6, 1896, May Marling.

**Children.**

1. Olive Mason (8), b. Sept. 10, 1897.
2. Ruth Mason (8), b. Nov. 16, 1903.

**98.**

**Ella Mason (7)**, see No. 33; b. Oct. 24, 1874, in Sacramento, Cal.; m. May 21, 1891, Thomas Smith.

**Children.**

1. Noel M. Smith (8), b. May 22, 1892.
2. Addie Smith (8), b. Dec. 14, 1893; d. Dec. 30, 1893.
3. Thomas Smith (8), b. June 24, 1895; d. July 14, 1895.
4. George Dewey Smith (8), b. Feb. 28, 1897.
5. Lawrence Frank Smith (8), b. May 10, 1898; d. Feb. 14, 1903.

**99.**

**Elijah T. Mason (7)**, see No. 33; b. Feb. 21, 1878, in Sacramento, Cal.; m. July 4, 1900, Della Canton.

**100.**

**Cora Lynn Holcomb (7)**, see No. 34; b. Jan. 16, 1857, in Prairieville, Mich.; m. Dec. 21, 1880, James Chapman; b. Sept. 3, 1850.

**101.**

**Arabella Holcomb (7)**, see No. 34; b. June 5, 1858, in Prairieville, Mich.; m. 1885, David W. Shephard; b. 1859.

**102.**

**Frances Adelaide Holcomb (7)**, see No. 34; b. Jan. 18, 1862, in Prairieville, Mich.; m. Aug. 30, 1887, Henry Beardsley Preston, b. May 27, 1857; physician, Toledo, Ohio.

**103.**

**Bruce Mason Holcomb (7)**, see No. 34; b. Aug. 14, 1866, in Prairieville, Mich.; m. Dec. 21, 1888, Jennie McDonald, b. Nov. 24, 1868.

**Children.**

1. **Gerald Mason Holcomb (8)**, b. July 22, 1893.
2. **Clara Alga Holcomb (8)**, b. Nov. 26, 1896.
3. **Joy Adelaide Holcomb (8)**, b. Sept. 15, 1898.
4. **Bruce Gordon Holcomb (8)**, b. June 13, 1903.

**104.**

**Morse Edwin Nevins (7)**, see No. 37; b. Sept. 9, 1856, in Hastings, Mich.; m. May 5, 1886, Nettie Maples, b. Nov. 8, 1865. Home in Hastings.

**Children.**

1. John Chester Nevins (8), b. March 26, 1887; d. Feb. 14, 1891.
2. Messer Edwin Nevins (8), b. July 7, 1894.

**105.**

Eva Clarissa Nevins (7), see No. 37; b. May 4, 1859, in Hastings, Mich.; m. May 18, 1887, Alonzo E. Kenaston; b. Nov. 6, 1856. Lawyer.

**Children.**

1. Edwin Nevins Kenaston (8), b. Sept. 15, 1890; d. Sept. 15, 1891.
2. Leeland Robert Kenaston (8), b. Dec. 29, 1891.

**106.**

Ann Cynthia Nevins (7), see No. 37; b. Aug. 28, 1861, in Hastings, Mich.; m. Jan. 23, 1889, Thomas D. Campbell, b. March 20, 1865.

**Children.**

1. Donald Campbell (8), b. Dec. 2, 1889.
2. Lewis Nixon Campbell (8), b. March 9, 1891; d. Nov. 14, 1891.
3. Morse Campbell (8), b. Nov. 22, 1896.

**107.**

Mason Cornelius Nevins (7), see No. 37, b. May 14, 1868, in Hastings, Mich.; m. Oct. 21, 1896, Grace J. Johnson, b. Jan. 10, 1877; d. April 17, 1901; m. May 5, 1903, Adeline J. Wilson, b. Nov. 20, 1882. Capitalist, Wichita, Kansas.

**Child.**

1. Clarissa Nevins (8), b. July 31, 1904, at Wichita, Kansas.



## 108.

**Grace J. Mason (7)**, see No. 38; b. Sept. 21, 1852, in Richland, Mich.; m. March 18, 1871, Conrad Miller; b. Oct. 29, 1848; wood and coal merchant at Kalamazoo, Mich.

## Children.

1. Clarence Miller (8), b. March 21, 1876.
2. Minnie Miller (8), b. Jan. 19, 1883; m. Oct. 16, 1907, Edwin Kline Belt. **139.**
3. Mason Slater Miller (8), b. June 9, 1889, m. Cornelia Boekeloo, b. Oct. 19, 1892.

## 109.

**Ida F. Mason (7)**, see No. 38; b. April 14, 1854, in Richland, Mich.; m. Sept. 20, 1887, Oscar D. Barnes, b. Jan. 30, 1853. Resides in Wichita, Kansas.

## Children.

1. Winnie May Barnes (8), b. Dec. 11, 1880; m. March 2, 1908, Chester Dale Shelley, b. Aug. 27, 1881.
2. Maurice Peck Barnes, (8), b. March 24, 1883; m. Feb. 12, 1908, Augusta Martha Hurst; b. Oct. 1, 1883, in Peoria, Ill.
3. Adelaide Barnes (8), b. June 12, 1892.

## 110.

**Mary A. Mason (7)**, see No. 38; b. May 7, 1858, in Richland, Mich.; m. Oct. 6, 1875, Columbus Backus; d. 1877.

## Child.

1. Wesley Backus (8), b. June 13, 1877; m. Aug. 20, 1906, Frances Amelia Bailey. **140.**

**111.**

**Hobert Guy Mason (7)** see No. 38; b. July 18, 1864, in Richland, Mich.; m. Dec. 4, 1889, Flora Gibson, b. Aug 30, 1867. Residence, Richland, Mich.

**Child.**

1. Claude (8), b. May 31, 1891.

**112.**

**Edith Clarissa Mason (7)**, see No. 38; b. Nov. 28, 1868, in Richland, Mich.; m. Sept. 4, 1890, Charles W. Granger, b. Oct 31, 1854. Resides in State of Washington.

**Children.**

1. Mary Frances Granger (8), b. June 15, 1891.
2. Lewis B. Granger (8), b. Dec. 31, 1893.
3. Cornelius C. Granger (8), b. Nov. 23, 1896.
4. Edwin Rix Granger (8), b. March 6, 1899.
5. William L. Granger (8), b. May 26, 1901.
6. Grace Mason Granger (8), b. Aug. 19, 1903.
7. Lela Ida Granger (8), b. March 6, 1906.

**113.**

**Bernice Storms (7)**, see No. 40; b. March 10, 1873, at Plainwell, Mich.; m. April 11, 1895, Nathaniel Balch, b. Feb. 18, 1867. Resides in La Grange, Ind.

**114.**

**Floyd Olmsted (7)**, see No. 41; b. Nov. 30, 1874, in Galesburg, Mich.; m. Sept. 2, 1903, Margaret J. Boyden, b. July 13, 1878. Residence, Kalamazoo, Mich.

**115.**

**Franklin Burr Mason (7)**, see No. 42; b. March 7, 1857, in Litchfield Conn.; m. March 30, 1880, Anna

Cornelia Coe, b. March 30, 1861; d. Oct. 17, 1901. Gen. Mgr. Prudential Ins. Co., Connecticut. Secretary, Litchfield Mutual Fire Insurance Co.

**Child.**

1. Edith Julia Mason (8), b. Nov. 15, 1884, in Litchfield, Conn.; m. Nov. 15, 1907, Dr. Clarence J. Ramsay; b. Sept. 15, 1879. Residence, Litchfield, Conn.

**116.**

**Charlotte Elizabeth Mason (7)**, see No. 42; b. Sept. 23, 1866, in Litchfield, Conn.; m. June 28, 1899, Howard Reynolds; b. May 19, 1868. Residence, Litchfield, Conn.

**Children.**

1. Paul Howard Reynolds (8), b. July 11, 1905.
2. Philip Mason Reynolds (8), b. July 23, 1906.

**117.**

**George Edwin Mason (7)**, see No. 42; b. July 19, 1870, in Litchfield, Conn.; m. Jan. 17, 1894, Harriet Estelle Bunnell; b. March 7, 1872. Carpenter; residence, Litchfield, Conn.

**Children.**

1. Frederic Osborn Mason (8), b. Nov. 8, 1894.
2. Gertrude Elizabeth Mason (8), b. July 20, 1899; d. April 23, 1903.
3. Charlotte Harriet Mason (8), b. Oct. 31, 1904.

**118.**

**Louis Adelbert Mason (7)**, see No. 43; b. Jan. 18, 1864, in Washington, Conn.; m. May 22, 1895, Ella M. Thayer, b. March 24, 1867. Farmer; residence Washington, Conn.

**Children.**

1. Charles Thayer Mason (8), b. July 10, 1896.
2. Malvina Phinette Mason (8), b. March 15, 1898.

**119.**

Gertrude Charlotte Churchill (8), see No. 46; b. Feb. 3, 1867, in Northfield, Conn.; m. September 10, 1890, Corydan Griswold.

**Children.**

1. Julia Griswold (9), b. Feb. 13, 1892.
2. Homer Griswold, (9), b. March 13, 1894; d. Jan. 3, 1895.
3. Walter Griswold (9), b. Sept. 28, 1898.
4. Hobert Griswold (9), b. Sept. 11, 1901.

**120.**

Anna Lucretia Churchill (8), see No. 46; b. Sept. 24, 1870, in Northfield, Conn.; m. Feb. 26, 1895, Delos D. Platt of Shelton, Conn.

**Children.**

1. Clayton Churchill Platt (9), b. Oct. 2, 1896.
2. Richard Orville Platt (9), b. June 19, 1898.

**121.**

Elizabeth Kasson Churchill (8), see No. 46; b. Aug. 1, 1874, in Northfield, Conn.; m. Sept. 22, 1898, George E. Pratt; b. Feb. 22, 1871. Residence, Buffalo, N. Y.

**Children.**

1. Harold Samuel Pratt (9), b. July 23, 1899.
2. Mary Allen Pratt (8), b. Dec. 24, 1900.
3. Ralph Wilbur Pratt (9), b. March 24, 1903.
4. George Elmer Pratt (9), b. Jan. 26, 1906.

**122.**

**Edna Gertrude Mallory (8)**, see No. 47; b. March 27, 1859, in Bridgewater, Conn.; m. June 2, 1905, Samuel P. Hayes, of Bethlehem, Conn.; farmer.

**123.**

**Robert Clinton Mallory (8)**, see No. 47; b. May 28, 1864, in Bridgewater, Conn.; m. March 24, 1891, Fanny Fenn Keeler. Home in New Milford.

**Children.**

1. Bertha Ophelia Mallory (9), b. Jan. 12, 1892.
2. Clinton Burr Mallory (9), b. March 18, 1893; d. Aug. 5, 1899.
3. Mildred Keeler Mallory (9), b. Feb. 12, 1895.
4. Lois Eleanor Mallory (9), b. April 29, 1896.
5. Ethel Louise Mallory (9), b. July 16, 1903.

**124.**

**Genevieve Thekla Sanford (8)**, see No. 48; b. March 18, 1872, in Bridgewater, Conn.; m. June 9, 1897, Rev. William W. Wallace of Madura, India.

**Children, born in India.**

1. Donald Sanford Wallace (9), b. April 16, 1900.
2. Abigail Janette Wallace (9), b. Jan. 4, 1902.
3. William Stanford Wallace (9), b. Jan. 6, 1903.
4. Gerald Sanford Wallace (9), b. May,— 1904.
5. Genevieve Janica Wallace (9), b. May,— 1904.

**125.**

**Mary Turner Hall (8)**, see No. 57; b. Feb. 1, 1877; m. Dec. 29, 1899, George Shaw. Resides in Illinois.

**126.**

**William Edgar Rickey (8)**, see No. 80; b. Aug. 5, 1864.; m. Feb. 19, 1893, Lillie Osborn, b. Feb. 19, 1874.

**Child.**

1. Lloyd Rickey (9), b. Sept. 21, 1894; d. Sept. 2, 1895.

**127.**

**Burr Allen Rickey (8)**, see No. 80; b. Oct. 8, 1866;  
m. Nov. 15, 1891, Nettie Meek, b. Nov. 24, 1869.

**Children.**

1. Janie May Rickey (9), b. May 12, 1893.
2. Ruby Olive Rickey (9), b. Nov. 16, 1894.
3. Earl Allen Rickey (9), b. March 5, 1896.
4. Bessie Ada Rickey (9), b. Jan. 5, 1898.
5. John William Rickey (9), b. Feb. 21, 1899.
6. Viola Rickey (9), b. Oct. 8, 1900.
7. Edgar Ray Rickey (9), b. May 24, 1903.

**128.**

**Fanny Eliza Rickey (8)** see No. 80; b. Dec. 19, 1870;  
m. July 7, 1890, Clarence L. McLaughlin, b. Dec. 3,  
1869.

**Child.**

1. Robert Doughlass McLaughlin (9), b. June 21, 1891.

**129.**

**Edna Alice Rickey (8)**, see No. 81; b. Sept. 1, 1878;  
m. May 23, 1901, A. H. Derrington, b. March, 1878.

**Children.**

1. Paul A. Derrington (9), b. March 15, 1902.
2. Hollis Hugo Derrington (9), b. Aug. 17, 1903.
3. Jean E. Derrington (9), b. Jan. 2, 1905.
4. Lyle A. Derrington (9), b. Sept. 21, 1906.

**130.**

**May Eva Cornell (8)** see No. 82; b. Nov. 18, 1870;  
m. Nov. 26, 1891, William H. McCartney, b. Sept. 19,  
1863.

**Children.**

1. William Cornell McCartney (9), b. Aug. 26, 1892.
2. Alice J. McCartney (9), b. Aug. 29, 1893.
3. Grace M. McCartney (9), b. May 26, 1895.
4. Arthur Hale McCartney (9), b. May 4, 1898.

**131.**

**Raymond A. Colwell (8)**, see No. 82; b. Feb. 26, 1877; at Detroit; m. June 29, 1904, Cora Bradlaw, b. Feb. 7, 1880. Lawyer, Lake Odessa, Mich.

**Child.**

1. Margaret Colwell (9), b. March 9, 1906.

**132.**

**Clellie Sprague (8)**, see No. 83; b. March 4, 1878; m. Sept. 26, 1901, Ray Hoover, who d. July 20, 1903.

**133.**

**Guy W. Lunn (8)**, see No. 84; b. Jan. 25, 1878; m. Feb. 2, 1907, Louisa Mae Weaver, b. Oct. 23, 1879.

**134.**

**Ernest Lunn (8)**, see No. 84; b. July 23, 1874; m. Dec. 19, 1901, Rose Maier, b. Dec. 24, 1873.

**135.**

**Edna Sage (8)**, see No. 85; b. Feb. 3, 1876; m. 1892, Albert Palmer; b. 1874; m. 1904, Tony Anderson; b. 1853.

**Children.**

1. Hazel J. Palmer (9), b. Dec. 20, 1894.
2. Alva Palmer (9), b. Dec. 24, 1902.
3. William S. Palmer (9), b. Jan. 25, 1904.

**136.**

**Effie Mae Sage (8)**, see No. 85; b. Aug. 21, 1881; m. April 15, 1905, Elmer A. Green; b. Dec. 1, 1878.

**137.**

**Eusebia Sage (8)**, see No. 8a; b. Sept. 5, 1883; m. Jan. 5, 1904, W. M. Barton; b. Nov. 27, 1869.

**Child.**

1. Bertha Barton (9), b. Dec. 13, 1905.

**138.**

**Marie Louise Thomas (8)**, see No. 86; b. Dec. 17, 1872; m. March 27, 1894, Mortimer Inglis, of Paterson, N. J.; b. Jan. 15, 1869.

**Children.**

1. James Inglis (9), b. March 23, 1896.
2. Palmer Inglis (9), b. Feb. 27, 1897.
3. Stuart Inglis (9), b. Aug. 10, 1901.
4. Mortimer Inglis (9), b. Aug. 14, 1907.

**139.**

**Minnie Miller (8)**, see No. 108; b. Jan. 19, 1883; m. Oct. 16, 1907, Edwin Kline Belt.

**140.**

**Wesley Bachus (8)**, see No. 110; b. June 13, 1877; m. Aug. 20, 1906, Frances Amelia Bailey.



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# Genealogy

## I.

### GOV. JOHN WEBSTER.—of Hartford and Hadley.

Born probably in Norfolk, Eng.; m. Agnes—————  
who outlived him; buried April 5, 1661, in Hadley,  
Mass.

#### Children.

1. Matthew (2), made freeman in Hartford in 1645; removed to Farmington as early as 1699, where he died July 16, 1675, leaving a wife, a daughter, and a son John.

2. William (2), removed to Hadley with his father; married on Feb. 17, 1670, Mary, daughter of Thomas Reeve, of Springfield. She was accused of withcraft and taken to Boston under arrest for trial, but was finally acquitted in 1688. She died in 1696. He died about 1688, leaving no children.

3. Thomas (2), settled in Northampton, Mass., where he was married June 16, 1663, to Abigail, daughter of George Alexander, of that town; removed to Northfield, Mass., in 1774; was driven away by Indians about a year later; lived a short time in Hadley, then returned to Northfield, where she died in 1686. His wife died March 1690. Three of his children settled in Lebanon, Conn.

4. Robert (2), See family II.

5. Anne (2), married John Marsh of Hartford and Hadley and died June 9, 1662.

6. Elizabeth (2), married William Markham as his second wife and is said to have died in 1688. Gov. John Webster in his will mentions her as his "daughter Marcam."

7. Mary (2), married Jonathan Hunt of Northampton, Mass.

Gov. John Webster was in Hartford as early as 1636. He no doubt, came with the first settlers from Massachusetts Bay. He is said to have been previously of Norfolk County, Eng. In the first record of Hartford lands he is entered as an original proprietor. His house-lot was on what is now Governor Street, which was then "the road from William Hills to the ox pasture." William Whiting, merchant, was his next neighbor on the north. Gov. Thomas Wells was his next neighbor on the South, while across the street stood the house of George Wyllys, and the Charter Oak. Governor Webster was a prominent man in two colonies. In Hartford he was magistrate from 1639 to 1655. At the last date he was made deputy governor and the next year governor. In 1642 he was one of the committee who formed the code of criminal laws for the Colony, and in 1654 he was a Commissioner for the United Colonies. He was active in town affairs, influential in the church, and evidently took great interest in the controversies which gave rise to the Second Church, Hartford, and which led to the emigration to Hadley. In this last movement he was a leader. He was in Hadley as early as 1659. Here, as in Connecticut, he was active and prominent. He was made a freeman of Massachusetts March 26, 1660, and in May of the same year was made magistrate. The next year he died in Hadley and was buried April 5, 1661. His fellow citizens evidently valued him highly. His descendants will do well to bear in mind and to emulate his life and deeds.

## II.

**LIEUT ROBERT WEBSTER, (Gov. John), of Middletown and Hartford.**

Born probably in England; m. about 1652, Susannah, daughter of Richard Treat and sister of Gov. Robert Treat; d. 1676, in Hartford.

**Children.**

1. John (3), b. Nov. 10, 1653, at Middletown, Conn.; m. Sarah Mygatt.
2. Sarah (3), b. June 3, 1655, at Middletown, Conn.; m. Joseph Mygatt and Bevil Waters.
3. Jonathan (3), b. Jan. 9, 1657, at Middletown, Conn. See Family III.
4. Susannah (3), b. Oct. 28, 1658, at Middletown, Conn.; m. John Grave.
5. Samuel (3), b. at Hartford, Conn.; m. Elizabeth Reeve.
6. Robert (3), b. at Hartford; m. Hannah Buckley, widow Sarah Colfax, and Susannah Baker.
7. Joseph (3), b. at Hartford; m. Mary Judd and widow Hannah Baker.
8. Mary (3), b. at Hartford; m. Thomas King.
9. Benjamin (3), bap. May 1, 1670, Second Church, Hartford.
10. William (3), bap. July 2, 1671, Second Church, Hartford; m. Sarah Nichols.
11. Elizabeth (3), bap. Feb. 8, 1673, Second Church, Hartford; m. John Seymore, Jr.,

In 1654 the General Assembly of Connecticut confirmed Robert Webster, Lieutenant of Middletown Train Band—"according to the motion of the town." He was elected Recorder of that town as early as 1656 and was Deputy to the General Assembly in 1656. In 1672 the General Assembly granted him 300 acres of land, which was laid out to him April

25, 1706, in the Nipmuck County, east of the Quinebaug river and south of Woodstock. The record does not state for what service this grant was made. Lieut. Robert Webster was a first settler in Middletown, about 1650, but returned to Hartford about 1660. He was made freeman in 1669, at which time he was living on the "South Side," Hartford. He was evidently the most prominent of all the sons of Gov. John Webster.

### III.

**Jonathan Webster (3)**, Lieut. Robert 2, Gov. John 1; of Hartford; b. Jan. 9, 1657, in Middletown, Conn.; m. May 11, 1681, Dorcas Hopkins, who died in 1694; m. Jan. 2, 1696, Mary Judd; d. 1735, in Hartford, "aged 78 years."

#### Children, all recorded in Hartford.

1. Jonathan (4), b. March 18, 1682; m. Esther Judd, Dec. 4, 1704.
2. Samuel (4), bap. Feb. 17, 1683-4; Second Church, Hartford.
3. Susannah (4), b. April 25, 1686; m. Thomas Steele.
4. Mary (4), b. Sept. 29, 1688; m. John Brace or Bracy.
5. Mehitabel (4), b. March 8, 1690-1; m. David Bidwell.
6. Stephen (4), b. Jan. 1, 1692; m. Mary Burnham.
7. Benjamin (4), b. Aug. 9, 1698. See Family IV.

Jonathan Webster (3) has few records. He was probably a quiet retiring, correct citizen who reared his family well and attended to his own business. Such men are valuable, but not prominent.

## IV.

Benjamin Webster (4), Jonathan 3, Lieut. Robert 2, Gov. John 1; of Litchfield; b. Aug. 9, 1698, in Hartford, Conn.—“The only son of his mother;” m. Elizabeth Peck; b. Dec. 31, 1706, in Hartford; d. July 10, 1755, in Litchfield, Conn.

## Children.

1. Elijah (5), b. Dec. 28, 1732; d. Aug. 13, 1854.
2. James (5), b. June 2, 1734; d. July 30, 1754.
3. Benjamin (5), b. Dec. 8, 1736. See Family V.
4. Stephen (5), b. May 20, 1739; m. Honor Kilbourne.
5. Elizabeth (5), b. Jan. 23, 1741; m. Capt. Solomon Marsh.
6. Charles (5), b. March 19, 1743; m. Rhoda Kilbourne
7. John (5), b. April 3 1747.

Benjamin Webster (4), was one of the pioneer settlers of Litchfield, Conn. In 1744 he was made Lieutenant of the Second Company of Litchfield Train Bands. He was a French War soldier, having served as private 14 days in Capt. Buel's Litchfield Company, of Connecticut Militia, which marched to the relief of Ft. William Henry, Aug. 17, 1757.

## V.

Benjamin Webster (5), Benjamin 4, Jonathan 3, Lieut. Robert 2, Gov. John 1, of Litchfield; b. Dec. 8, 1736, in Litchfield, Conn.; m. Lucretia Buel; b. April 26, 1742; d. Oct. 29, 1755, (by Probate Record) in Litchfield, Conn.

## Children, born in Litchfield.

1. Elijah (6), b. March 19, 1761.
2. Avis (6), b. April 20, 1763; m. Elon Crampton.

3. Lucretia (6), b. Feb. 14, 1766; m. Elisha Mason.  
See No. 4.
4. Benamin (6), b. Feb. 10, 1769; m. Avis Hotchkiss.
5. Claudius (6), b. Aug. 27, 1772.
6. Dan (6), b. Jan. 23, 1776.
7. Louden (6), b. March 3, 1780.
8. Polly (6), b. Feb. 3, 1783.



## Historical

Of the Grandchildren who lived contemporaneously with, and most of whom saw Elisha and Loretta Mason, only these remain at this date, February 15, 1911:

Elizabeth O. Reynolds, 87.

Harriett O. Clark, 84.

Cornelius Mason, 82.

Joshua N. Oviatt, 78.

George W. Mason, 78.

Henrietta C. Mason, 77.

D. Adelaide Webster, 77.

\*E. Porter Mason, 69.

Betsey Ann Storms, 69.

Edward B. Mason, 65.

Cornelia C. Olmsted, 64.

Of Caroline, 3;—Joseph W., 1; Elijah, 1; Edwin, 3; Benjamin, 3—total 11.

Surviving Veterans of Civil War, February 15, 1911.

Captain Joshua D. Emerson, Capt. E. Porter Mason\* (deceased), Edgar D. Rickey, Capt. George W. Mason and Capt. Edwin R. Rickey.

The early settlements of New England, in which our family name appears in general history, began about Boston and consisted of "The Winthrop Company," with which came Robert Mason, b. 1590, with wife, sons and grandsons to Roxbury in 1630. About 1642, these all, excepting the wife named.

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\*E. Porter Mason died March 4, 1911.

removed to the new settlement at Dedham, Mass. The same year, 1630, the ship "Mary and John" arrived at Dorchester, bringing refugee officers—Miles Standish, John Mason, and others, afterward famous in the Colonial Indian Wars of Massachusetts and Connecticut. Also about this date Capt. Hugh Mason began the settlement at Watertown, Mass., and somewhat later Sampson Mason joined him there. These Colonists seem to have spread Northward and Westward in Massachusetts, while Capt. John drifted into Connecticut and became the most famous of all. These four families have very complete genealogical books in public libraries from an early period and especially for the period which is of interest to us. On July 27, 1635, Thomas Mason came from Gravesend, ship "Penrose", a boy of 19 years, appearing at length in Hartford, where he lived for many years. He purchased land of Capt. John when the latter went to Norwich in 1647; himself removing to Northampton, Mass., in 1654, where he died about 1672-3, having only one son, who was killed by the Indians in 1675. From the four first named families, all the earlier generations of the name in Massachusetts and Connecticut seem to have sprung, and ours nowhere appears. Beginning with the records of this book, we have here a record and history of our own, definitely traced, from the marriage in Dedham, 1676, to the latest page thereof, which is believed to include the entire muster-roll to the year of Our Lord 1908, excepting only, the three Farris of Oberlin, Ohio, missing since the Civil War.

This includes only the lineal descent of our first

three generations of Masons, John, Joseph, and Joseph 2d. The collateral branches of these appear only as part of our part of the family history (and followed up to the same date) would doubtless many times outnumber us. In the book of Robert Mason one seems to be among his own people. He had a son John three years younger than the John, of the Dedham wedding, and it appears as good as true, that the home of Uncle (?) Robert was the objective point of this young man's thought, on leaving England. At any rate he got to Dedham, and took Hannah Hawes with him to Hartford, as has been shown.

Whether these Dedham Masons knew of the previous life of Capt. John and Thomas Mason in Connecticut, is not known, but the land on Little River, heretofore described, is suspiciously near to that bought of the Pequot Captain by Thomas Mason, thirty years before and sold a few years later. In this connection it may be stated, that a descendant of the Litchfield Colonist, of 1720, is now possessed of relics, or souvenirs, which have come down the generations, as treasured memorials of the Great Man of his period in Connecticut, which are reputed and believed to have been worn and used by him in his service in the Mother country in troublous times.

This article is not family history, nor is it romance, but is intended to throw a ray of light upon the condition of the times. Allusion has been made to the death of Thomas Mason's only son at Northampton. Returning to Dedham, we find that about 1650 the town of Medfield was sliced off therefrom,

and the sons of Robert Mason occupied a part of it. Thomas, the oldest, and his two boys with him, were killed by Indians one morning between the house and stable, and so it was found all through the settlements of Massachusetts that ever and anon, fire, tomahawk and scalping-knife swept over and decimated these early homes towards Deerfield, Greenfield, Hadley and in all directions.

In Connecticut, after Maj. John Mason and Capts. Gardner and Underhill had tutored the Pequots, there was comparative security. Had this fact much or little, or nothing to do with the emigration of our grandparents (of some degree) from Dedham to Hartford, as has been before shown?



So here we leave the story of this "man of mystery" for a future hunter, and perhaps a distant day. He should start at Boston, whetting his zeal by the same route that our Imigrant took, in reverse, and if lucky, in a couple of weeks bring back for the next edition the whole history of the man which we have spent these years to miss.

## Stray Notes

From Boston books:

“First of the name Mason is Robert Le Mason (Massen) of Norwich, Norfolk, England. His son gave the advowson of the church at St. Bartholomew at Windham about the year 1300.

Among the landed gentry mentioned by Burke are several families of Masons, all having coats of arms.”

“Burke’s County Gen.” lists a Mason family of Monketon, coming from the Isle of Thanet, Kent, having a coat of arms. The description of this coat of arms borne by Thomas Mason of Monketon: “Per pale or and sa, a chevron between three billets, all countercharged. Motto, Demeure par la verite.”

This appears: “An English Squire of Staffordshire (Mason) had three sons, all of whom emigrated to America about the year 1630.”

Again: “Robert of Roxbury, Captain Hugh of Watertown and Captain John of Dorchester, each is said to have arrived about 1630, the date and name of the last-named being given, and each having, apparently, a complete and continuous printed book of history and record of many generations, as also is given in manuscript of wonderful penmanship concerning Hugh.”

Daniel G. Mason (according to tradition in family), established connection of the Medfield Masons with a Mason family in England, having a coat of arms described as follows: "Per pale or and sa, a chevron between three mason squares, all counter-charged. Crest, a stag's head erased, sa attired or, ducally gorged gold."

## Conclusion

And now, dear Cousins, all:—

This enterprise, begun a century too late, after difficulties and delays quite unexpected, nears the end. There are more of us than we have dreamed of, and both ends were further off! But disappointing as it may be, it is still better than nothing, or the little, so far enjoyed!—If, from the view-point of some later adventurer in this field, there shall be needed some material and well-authenticated facts concerning the history of this now numerous family, on which to build a record of its growth to that period, here is offered this little book, of value, chiefly, for its collection and exhibit of a fairly complete enumeration of all the members of our family of Masons in America, from the beginning, 1676 to 1908.

For the omissions, errors and imperfections which may appear herein, we bespeak the reader's most patient indulgence. In this spirit, this work is sent forth, in the hope that it will fill, in part, a vacant place and become a potent factor in promoting love of kindred and a closer fellowship in the time to come.

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